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PROCEEDINGS.

MT. ZION CHURCH, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,
TUESDAY, August 8, 1871.

The Association met, pursuant to the last annual adjournment, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by T. H. Pritchard, D. D., of Raleigh, from Mark xii: 41–44. Subject, Christian Liberality.

After a recess of one hour the Association was called to order by the Clerk, (the Moderator being absent), and opened by reading the 12th chapter of I Corinthians, singing hymn commencing, "Kindred in Christ, for His dear sake," and prayer by Elder T. J. Horner.

The letters from the churches were read, and the delegates ascertained, when the Association went into election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Moderator, R. I. DEVIN; *Clerk*, J. J. LANSDELL; *Treasurer*, E. C. MONTAGUE.

The Moderator, on taking the chair, made a few appropriate remarks, which were well received by the Association.

Invitations were then extended to visiting brethren, and accepted by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., of Raleigh; Rev. J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Rev. W. M. Wingate, D. D., President of Wake Forest College, and J. H. Mills, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.

On motion, the Pastor and deacons of Mt. Zion Church were appointed a Committee on Religious Services during the session.

On motion, the following committees were appointed, viz:

On Home Missions: J. D. Hufham, J. W. Hunt, Wm. Blackwell.
On Foreign Missions: J. H. Mills, J. P. Montague, G. W. Duncan.
On Education: T. H. Pritchard, B. F. Hester, T. T. Grandy.
On Periodicals: T. J. Horner, J. B. Hobgood, Thos. Pittard.
On Sunday Schools: J. A. Stradley, M. H. Suit, J. Watkins.
On Temperance: J. P. Montague, Isaac N. Day, H. Stovall.
On Prayer Meetings and Family Worship: J. M. Howell, R. Peed, J. T. C. Norwood.
On Order of Business: S. S. Hicks, W. H. Lawson, J. M. Satterwhite.
On Time and Place of Next the Meeting of the Association, and Preachers for the Stated Sermons: J. B. Hobgood, John Shermon, J. Younger.

The church at Tally Ho having recommended Harry Crews, a colored member of that church, for examination, with a view to his ordination to the work of the Ministry, on motion, a presbytery was appointed, consisting of Elders J. A. Stradley, W. M. Wingate and T. J. Horner, to examine the candidate.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow, half-past 9 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Pritchard.

Dr. Wingate preached at the stand in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, August 9, 9½ O'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Moderator in the chair, and was opened by reading a part of the 18th chapter of Luke, singing and prayer, conducted by Elder Hufham.

The Committee on Order of Business reported:

"1st, Devotional Exercises; 2nd, Calling the Roll; 3rd, Reading the Proceedings; 4th, Invitation to Visiting Brethren; 5th, Appointment of Committees; 6th, Reports of Committees; 7th, Unfinished Business; 8th, Miscellaneous Business."

Report adopted.

A letter from Mayo Grove Church (colored), Halifax

County, Va., was read, asking for admission as a member of the Association. On motion, the letter was referred to a committee of five, consisting of T. J. Horner, J. W. Hunt, J. M. Howell, B. F. Hester and Jos. Howard.

The Committee on Education presented their report, which was discussed by Drs. Pritchard and Wingate, and Elder Horner, and adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The importance of educating our children need not be argued in this age and country, for if it be our duty to covet the best gifts for our children—to secure good positions in society—to multiply their sources of pleasure and improvement; in a word, to promote their best interests in time and eternity, then are we under the most sacred obligations to make sacrifices, if need be *great sacrifices*, in order to give them the best educational advantages which the country affords.

Next to the gift of the grace of God, a sound, healthy, liberal, moral and mental education is the greatest blessing our children can enjoy. The Baptists are a peculiar people, entertaining religious opinions which distinguish them from all other denominations of Christians; they are brought in necessary antagonism with them. They cannot, therefore, afford to allow other denominations to educate their children, and the necessity is thus laid upon us of having our own schools at which our children should be trained. These schools, so essential to the prosperity of our Zion, should receive at our hands a hearty sympathy and liberal patronage, for while it is true that Baptists sometimes patronize the schools of other churches, the members of other churches never or very rarely patronize Baptist schools.

It gives your Committee pleasure, therefore, to report that there is no necessity for, nor propriety in the Baptists of Central North Carolina sending their children to schools other than their own, since in Wake Forest College, and the Raleigh Female Seminary, they have institutions of learning equal to any in the State, and worthy of enlarged and liberal patronage.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
T. T. GRANDY,
B. F. HESTER,
} Committee.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preachers for the next Session of the Association, reported:

Tuesday after the first Thursday in August, 1872, as the time, and Con

cord Church as the place; Elder T. J. Horner to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder R. H. Marsh the Conventional Sermon.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, and the subject was discussed by Elders Stradley and Wingate, and brethren Connell, Lansdell and Mills, and the report was re-committed for the insertion of statistics.

AFTERNOON.

The Committee on the letter from the church at Mayo Grove made the following report:

Your Committee have taken into consideration the application of the church at Mayo Grove for membership in this Association, and respectfully offer the following report: We advise that the church disband its organization and hereafter work as an arm of the church at Bethel.

T. J. HORNER, Chairman.

The report was adopted without discussion.

The Treasurer offered his report, which was approved.

Elder J. P. Montague, for the Committee on Temperance, reported, and a motion being made for the adoption of the report, he proceeded to advocate the report. Elder Horner objected to the report on account of its indefiniteness in point of its construction. Bro. Mills said the report was an indictment against the Baptists for drunkenness; that if any were guilty they should be dealt with by the churches.

The report, on motion, was re-committed.

The Committee on State Missions reported. After a discussion of the subject by Elders Hufham, Pritchard and Lansdell, and Bro. Mills, a further consideration of the subject was continued till to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and the subject was discussed by Bro. Mills, Elders Hufham, Wingate and Stradley, the report adopted, and a collection of $25.20 taken up for Dr. Yates' Chapel, Shanghai, China:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has prosperous mission stations in Europe, Asia and Africa. Elder Cote and his co-laborers have a church of thirty members in Rome. Elder Phillips has recently returned from a tour in Central Africa, in which country he set to work competent teachers, and the cause is prospering under their labors. In Asia we have several missionaries among the Chinese. Dr. Yates, who went from our own State, has a growing church, and appeals to us for help to build a house large enough to seat his crowded congregation. He also wishes to enlarge his operations by occupying other stations with native teachers. So ready a harvest was never before presented in the foreign field.

J. W. DUNCAN, }
J. H. MILLS, } Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow, 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Mills.

Preaching at the stand to-day by Elders Hufham, Wingate and Pritchard, and a collection of $12.20 was taken up for State Missions.

THURSDAY, Aug. 10, 9½ O'clock.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator, by whom devotional services were conducted.

The Committee on Prayer Meetings and Family Worship reported, and after a discussion, fraught with a spirit of fervent piety, engaged in by brethren J. M. Howell, J. W Duncan, Elder Hufham and Brethren S. S. Hicks and J. A. Watkins, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

We believe it is the duty of every church to keep up a prayer meeting, for the Christian is exhorted to pray without ceasing, and in every thing to give thanks to God. Therefore it is the duty of every member of each church to attend those meetings if possible, and that it is the duty of all to pray in those meetings, for it is evident that without such meetings there will be but little spirituality, efficiency, or prosperity in a church.

Equally so with family worship. We believe it is the duty of every

Christian man or woman, who is the head of a family, to keep up family worship, and we believe that no family can be properly raised where this duty is neglected. Daily prayer should be offered in every family, together with earnest religious instruction.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. HOWELL.

The report on State Missions was called up, the subject urged by Elder Hutham, the report adopted, and a collection taken up for State Missions to the amount of $26.15:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Here in our own State a mission field of vast extent is open to the Baptists. The population of the State is about 1,200,000, while we number only 75,000 to 80,000 communicants. If our churches were equally distributed among the people there would be a great work for them to do. But the difficulty in the way of accomplishing it is increased by the fact that the Baptists, though numerous in some sections, are scarcely known in others. We owe it to ourselves, to our fellow-men and to Christ to carry the gospel in its purity to all the people within our reach. This is a part of the work contemplated by the Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. During the present year they have had seven missionaries under appointment. Through the labors of these missionaries about one hundred persons have been baptized, and one church has been organized. This work should be greatly enlarged at once. It will be enlarged if the means can be obtained. The Board is now in need of funds to pay off the missionaries already employed.

There is need of increasing liberality on the part of all our churches towards this important department of Christian labor. Of the twenty-two churches composing this Association, nine make no mention in their letters of any contribution for any of the objects of the Convention during the year just closed. Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the pastors of this body be requested to present the claims of State Missions to their churches, and solicit contributions for sustaining it four times during each Associational year.

The Committee on Temperance offered an amended report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on this subject are not prepared to give a statistical report on the evils of intemperance: and we would like to throw the mantle of charity over the faults of our brethren. Yet, if the truth be told,

there are those who will drink ardent spirits as a luxury, in spite of the evils resulting from their example.

J. P. MONTAGUE, Chairman.

The Committee on Sunday Schools offered an amended report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The longer, and the more closely we consider the Sabbath School enterprise in its design and workings, the more are we convinced that it has Bible authority for its basis, and great good as its result. While we believe this, we have deeply to regret that so many of our church members and churches are so slow to use an agency so potent for good. This is a work in which every Christian, whether old or young, can either do good by teaching, or can receive good by being taught.

How any one claiming to be a follower of Him who "went about doing good," can idle away his or her Sabbaths, where a work so beneficial to themselves and others, invites their attention and efforts, is something we are utterly unable to reconcile with a proper sense of Christian duty.

We earnestly request each member of each church, composing this Association, to think seriously of the duties they owe to God and their neighbors, and then to enquire, "Lord, what will thou have me to do?" in regard to the Sabbath School work.

If, in any church or neighborhood, there cannot be found brethren to take hold of this work, we recommend our sisters to organize and carry on schools at churches, school houses and at home. And for the encouragement of all who engage in this work, we say, we have never known earnest efforts, in this good work, long to remain without the approval and blessing of God upon them. To show the necessity for such efforts, we state the sad fact that nine churches, to wit: Tabb's Creek, Flat River Union, Olive Branch, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Harmony, Antioch, Grassy Creek, Mt. Calvary and Mill Creek, report in their letters to the Association, nothing in regard to Sunday School work. Nine churches out of twenty-one, now represented, are doing nothing for the Sunday School cause. Nearly half of our Associational territory lies, to-day, uncultivated by the Baptists. Less than four hundred pupils are taught by all the teachers in our bounds. Look at this dark picture, and pray and labor to do better.

J. A. STRADLEY,
J. A. WATKINS, } Committee.

The hour having arrived for the Conventional Sermon, the Association repaired to the stand to hear it, which was

preached by Elder Hutham from II. Corinthians viii: 9 (latter clause), "That ye, through his poverty, might be rich." He spoke with much clearness and pathos on the following points:

1. The Christian's riches—consisting of his present hopes and joys, and his future inheritance.

2. How the Christian gets his riches—they come through the poverty, the suffering, and the death of Christ.

3. What the Christian ought to do with his riches—he should use them for the glory of God in the conversion of the world, that others may be made partakers of the same inheritance.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up for Dr. Yates' Chapel, to the amount of $12.60.

AFTERNOON.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to pay over all the funds he has in hand for the objects of the B. S. Convention, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention.

WHEREAS, Bro. W. H. Connell, a young man of piety and ability, from our Association, is now at Wake Forest College as a beneficiary, and is entirely dependent on the churches for a support while there, therefore

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to make contributions especially for the benefit of this brother, while prosecuting his studies with a view to the work of the ministry.

Resolved, That the churches of this Association are hereby requested to appoint delegates to represent them in the Baptist State Convention, according to the amount of money contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to report, in their annual letters to the Association, the whole amount of money contributed by them during the year to the various objects of Christian benevolence, and also Sabbath School statistics.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the

brethren and friends of this community for their kind entertainment during the present session of this Association.

The Committee on Periodicals reported, and, after remarks by Elders Stradley and Lansdell, and Bro. B. F. Hester, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals respectfully call the Attention of this Association to the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of our denomination in the State.

Our principles, founded as they are on the Word of God, ought to be propagated, disseminated and defended. Our organization ought to be systematized, and our labors for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom concentrated. We ought to have a weekly paper to exhort, reprove and encourage us "in every good word and work." Our children need religious instruction. All these important ends the *Recorder* labors to reach, therefore it ought to be a weekly visitant, not only to every Baptist family in the bounds of the Association, but also to every Baptist in the State.

We also recommend the *Home and Foreign Journal* for missionary intelligence, published at Richmond, Va., and *Kind Words* for Sunday Schools, published at Memphis, Tenn.

T. J. HORNER, Chairman.

The presbytery, appointed to examine Harry Crews, a member of the church at Tally Ho, with a view to his ordination, reported that they had examined him, and recommended his ordination at his own church so soon as convenient.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to the Clerk ten dollars for his services, out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder of said fund be appropriated to defraying the expenses of publishing and distributing the Minutes, and that the Clerk have printed and distributed among the churches as many copies of the Minutes as said remainder will pay for.

Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to have published on the cover of the Minutes advertisements of the "Raleigh Female Seminary," and Wake Forest College, at the expense of the respective schools.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the

church at Concord, on Tuesday next after the first Thursday in August, 1872.

The Moderator made a few appropriate remarks, after which the hymn commencing, "Children of the Heavenly King," was sung, Elder Lansdell led in prayer, and the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic benediction.

R. I. DEVIN, MODERATOR.
J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2nd. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3rd. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all Committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and, at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2nd. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3rd. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and noes.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution or Laws.

A TABLE,

Showing the Pastors and Clerks, and their Post Offices, and the Time of Meeting of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel,*	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, N. C.	R. Amis,	Buchanan, N. C.	1st Sab. & Sat. before.
Antioch,	" "	" "	H. A. Reams,	Roxboro', N. C.	3rd " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, N. C.	W. H. Lawson,	Bethel Hill, N. C.	1st " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,		D. Vaughan,	Dutchville, N. C.	2nd " "
Corinth,	J. S. Purefoy,	Forestville, N. C.	Jas. M. Howell,	Oxford, N C.	4th " "
Fellowship,*	W. A. Atkinson,	" "	T. H. Perry,	New Light, N. C.	4th " "
Flat River Union,	" "	" "	W. H. Peed,	Knap of Reeds, N. C.	3rd " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X Roads,	B. T. Winston,	Young's X Roads,	4th " " & 2 Sab.
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, N. C.	Jos. Howard,	Oxford, N. C.	2nd " " & 4 "
Island Creek,	E. F. Beachum,	Williamsboro', N. C.	J. T. C. Norwood,	Williamsboro', N. C.	1st " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,		T. J. Montague,	Woodsdale, N. C.	4th " "
Mt. Calvary,	J. H. Layton,		Alex. Colclough,	Fishdam, N. C.	
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,		P. Blackwell,		1st and 3rd Sabbath.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Allensville, N. C.	H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah, N. C.	2nd Sab. & Sat. before.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Tally Ho, N. C.	Isaac N. Day,		1st " " & 4 Sab.
New Light,	W. A. Atkinson,		John Norwood,	New Light, N. C.	2nd " "
Oxford,	R. H. Marsh,		E. C. Montague,	Oxford, N. C.	1st and 3rd Sabbath.
Olive Branch,	E. F. Beachum,		S. C. Humphries,		3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove,	J. P. Montague,	Tally Ho, N. C.	J. W. Fuller,	Wilton, N. C.	2nd " "
Poplar Creek,	J. A. Stradley,		G. W. Wright,	Henderson, N. C.	4th " "
Sandy Level,	J. P. Montague,		J. Hall,	Durham, N. C.	4th " "
Tabb's Creek,	R. H. Marsh,		W. A. Parham,		Sat. before 3 Sab. & 5 Sab.
Tally Ho,	T. J. Horner,		F. M. Meadows,	Tally Ho, N. C.	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.

*From last year's rep.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Incidental Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Baptised.	Rec'd by letter	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association al fund.
Amis' Chapel,	Jno. Amis, Warren Overby, L. A. Royster.		125.00	3	1		2	1	1	96	$2 50
Antioch,	R. B. Trimm,* John Allen, R. Rhen.		125.00		2		2	1		48	2 00
Bethel,	D. A. Harris,* William C. Pulliam,* W. H. Lawson.			3	1		2		2	92	2 00
Concord,	T. B. Lyon,* M. H. Suit, M. W. B. Veazey.*				3		4			150	2 50
Corinth,	J. M. Howell, Alex. Barnett, W. H. Connel.			19	7		5	1		179	1 50
Fellowship, †										90	
Flat River Union,	Richard Peed, Samuel Washington, Sherman Peed.						2		2	165	2 00
Grassy Creek,	T. J. Pittard, T. D. Royster, E. J. Ragsdale.			10	3	1	9	4	5	296	1 75
Hester's,	Jos. Howard, J. W. Currin, B. F. Hester.	17.00	250.00	3	4	1	15		3	178	3 00
Island Creek,	David W. Knott, W. H. Green, J. T. C. Norwood.			8		2				100	2 00
Mill Creek,	J. J. Lansdell, J. W. Hunt, J. Younger.				4		2	1		130	3 00
Mt. Calvary,	Lenon Chandler,* James Umsted.			59	10		9	2		65	1 50
Mountain Creek,	W. H. Blackwell, J. A. Watkins, J. M. Satterwhite.			5	1		5	4	3	212	3 00
Mt. Zion,	Abram Slaughter, Alex. Mize, John Shermon.			1	2		1		2	131	2 05
Mt. Harmony,	John W. Philpott, H. C. Sweeney.									30	1 00
New Light,	Wm. Ward,* H. C. Ray,* Thomas Ward.*				1		11		2	223	2 00
Oxford;	T. T. Grandy, W. R. Beasley,* E. C. Montague.				1		2			62	1 50
Olive Branch,	H. Stovall, J. G. Norwood, A. Puryear.			1	1		1			150	2 00
Pleasant Grove,	Jno. R. Knight,* Wiley Rogers,* D. L. Smith.*									69	1 50
Poplar Creek,	S. S. Hicks, Hillman Barnes,* J. E. Callis.*	25.00	100.00					1	3	114	2 00
Sandy Level,	A. W. Fletcher,* J. Marcom,* D. H. Forsyth.*						2		2	24	1 00
Tabb's Creek,	John Howell,* A. C. Parham, W. A. Parham.*		87.50	1		1	2		2	36	1 25
Tally Ho.	G. W. Duncan, F. M. Meadows, W. T. Hunt.						3	4		88	1 50
	(*) Absent. † From last year's report.			113	41	5	76	19	28	2,828	42 55

Raleigh Female Seminary.

The Third Session opened on Monday, July 24th, 1871, and will close on the 8th of December.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION:

In the Collegiate Course.

F. P. HOBGOOD, A. M., Principal, | *Miss LINA RAVEN, of Hanover, Ger.,*
Mrs. P. G. POWELL, | *Miss H. D. TAYLOR.*

In the Primary School.

Miss JULIA ALLEN, | *Miss H. D. TAYLOR.*

Music.

Professor F. A. BOHLMANN.

Ornamental Branches.

Miss S. S. FONTAINE.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Principal congratulates the friends of the School on its success and prosperity, ninety Students being now in attendance; and hopes, with the assistance of his corps of competent and experienced Teachers, to be able to establish a School which will take rank with the first in the land.

Raleigh, in point of healthfulness and the many opportunities for improvement it affords young ladies, is unrivaled by any location in the the State.

The Course of Study is thorough and comprehensive.

Students will be charged from the time ot entrace.

Boarders will provide themselves with towels, one pair of sheets, and one pair of pillow-cases.

Terms per Session of Twenty Weeks:

Tuition in Primarry Depatment,	$20 00
" Intermediate Department,	25 00
" Collegiate Department,	30 00
" German, (taught by a Native), extra,	10 00
Music on Piano,	22 50
" Guitar,	15 00
Piano Rent,	5 00
Drawing,	10 00
Painting,	15 00
Incidental Expenses,	1 50
Board, including Fuel and Lights,	80 00

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

The Annual Session begins September 15th, and closes on the 4th Thursday in June.

Expenses in Currency:

Tuition per Term of Five Months, - - -	$35 00
Board, (without lodging), per week, - -	2 50 to 3 00
" (with lodging), " " - - -	3 00 to 3 50
" in "Clubs" (without lodging), per week,	1 50 to 2 00
Room-Rent and and Servant-Hire each, " "	15

Washing, Fuel and Lights at moderate rates.

Education of Ministers.

The faculty are authorized to receive candidates for the Christian Ministry without charge for tuition, provided they shall be recommended by some ecclesiastical authority.

The Education Board of the Baptist State Convention afford further pecuniary aid to indigent young men, who furnish satisfactory testimonials of character, and fitness for the work of the Ministry.

If any student shall accept either of the above gratuities, and shall afterwards abandon the Ministry, the tuition fees, and the pecuniary aid extended, shall be held as debts due respectively to the College, and to the Board of Education.

For Catalogue of Institution, address,

W. M. WINGATE, President,

Forestville, N. C.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

CONCORD, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 6--8, 1872.

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In pursuance of a resolution of the late session of the Baptist State Convention, on motion, committees were appointed on the following subjects:

The propriety of the churches making their houses of worship comfortable and attractive: J. S. Purefoy, Moses Deane, John Morgan.

The importance of assembling the men and women, as well as the children, every Sunday, for the Study of the Bible: J. D. Hufham, A. M. Veazey, D. A. Harris.

The advantages of permanent pastorates, and the disadvantages of annual elections: John Mitchell, C. D. Grandy, Samuel Howard.

The duty of paying pastors such salaries as will enable them to purchase the books they need, and to study the subjects on which they impart instruction: N. E. Cannady, Edward Dalby, J. T. C. Norwood.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow, 9½ o clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 9½ o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by singing and prayer, Elder Richardson leading in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, and the roll called.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, and accepted by Bro. N. E. Cannady, of the Central Association, Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Elder John Mitchell, agent of W. F. College.

Elder J. B. Richardson, by invitation, presented the claims of the church at Greensboro to the liberality of the Association, when a donation in aid of said church was made, amounting in cash and subscriptions to $115.00.

The committee on Home Missions presented the following report, and after remarks by Elders Lansdell and Hufham, it was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee feels that the Home Mission department of our benevolent operations is of the first importance, from the order of the commission, from the immense destitution, from the character of our present population, and the great effort being made by the advocates of error in our land. We therefore recommend the cultivation of the home field as the first duty of the churches of this Association.

J. E. MONTAGUE,
R. T. EALAM,
W. J. BARNETT,
} Committee.

The committee on Temperance reported—report laid on the table, and the Association took a recess of one hour.

Elder Richardson preached at the stand at 11 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Temperance was taken up, and after remarks by Elder Stradley, was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee is of the opinion that there has been, within a few years, a growth of intemperance in the country that is truly alarming. Drunkenness seems to be increasing; and moderate drinking, the prolific parent of drunkenness, is becoming more common. In view of these facts, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the churches be counselled to deal promptly with those who manufacture, or sell intoxicating liquors, and to withdraw fellowship from them if they persist in this wicked business after faithful admonition.

Resolved, That our church members be encouraged to set their faces against what is called the moderate use of intoxicating beverages, inasmuch as it tends surely to drunkenness, poverty and ruin.

F. M. JORDAN, Ch'n.

The Committee on Periodicals submitted the following report, and after remarks by Elder Horner and Bro. J. H. Mills, the same was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals respectfully submit, that the *Biblical Recorder* ought to be sustained and endorsed by every Baptist in the

bounds of this Association, on account of its efficiency and fidelity to our principles and interest. Great efforts are being made to introduce and circulate papers from other states; but no paper out of the State can do the work of the *Recorder*. Much of the success that has attended our missionary operations is due to its influence. If eternal vigilance is the price of civil liberty, it is equally the price of religious liberty. We need the *Recorder* to watch for us. We therefore recommend it to every Baptist in the bounds of our Association, and ask for it a more general circulation.

T. J. HORNER, Ch'n Com.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted a report, which was discussed by Elders J. P. Montague, Horner and Purefoy, and re-committed.

The Committee on Family Prayer and Prayer Meetings reported; and the report being discussed by Elders Horner and Stradley, Bro. Mills and Elder Purefoy, it was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER AND PRAYER MEETINGS.

We believe that the constant and faithful discharge of these duties, is indispensable to the necessary development of the christian graces. We believe that no family can have proper religious training without family prayer; neither can any church acquire and exert a wholesome religious influence in any community without a prayer meeting. We would therefore affectionately urge each family and church connected with this Association to the discharge of these duties.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. STRADLEY,
J. T. NORWOOD, } Committee.

The Committee on Education offered their report, which was laid on the table till to-morrow, ten o'clock.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Elder Mitchell preached at the stand this afternoon.

THURSDAY, August 8, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment—Moderator in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Elder Mitchell.

The Committee on Sunday Schools offered an amended report, which was discussed by Elder Horner and Bro. Hester, and re-committed, and a substitute offered and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The longer, and the more closely we consider the Sabbath school enterprise in its design and workings, the more are we convinced that it has Bible authority for its basis, and great good as its result. While we believe this, we have deeply to regret that so many of our church members are so slow to use an agency so potent for good. This is a work in which every christian, whether old or young, can either do good by teaching, or can receive good by being taught.

How any one claiming to be a follower of Him who "went about doing good," can idle away his or her Sabbaths, when a work, so beneficial to themselves and others, invites their attention and efforts, is something we are utterly unable to reconcile with a proper sense of Christian duty.

We earnestly request each member of each church, composing this Association, to think seriously of the duties they owe to God and their neighbors, and then to enquire, "Lord, what will thou have me to do" in regard to the Sabbath School work?

If, in any church or neighborhood, there cannot be found brethren to take hold of this work, we recommend our sisters to organize and carry on schools at churches, school-houses and at home. And for the encouragement of all who engage in this work, we say we have never known earnest efforts, in this good work, to remain long without the approval and blessing of God upon them.

The report on Education was now taken up, and the subject discussed by Elder Mitchell, Bro. Mills and Elder Marsh, and an opportunity afforded to raise endowment funds for Wake Forest College. The following is the report:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Excellent schools at Raleigh and Murfreesboro afford us facilities for educating our girls.

The preparatory school of Elder T. J. Horner at Tally Ho, and W. F. College are offering an opportunity to poor boys and young men to prepare themselves for extended usefulness.

During the last session, there were in attendance at W. F. College, about ninety young men. Fifteen of these are preparing for the ministry, of whom ten are dependent on the churches for a support. We do

not sufficiently appreciate the increased efficiency of an educated ministry and membership in the spread of the gospel.

Resolved, That in the future we will strive more earnestly to secure these advantages.

We do not believe that education will make a preacher, yet we recognize the fact that it so qualifies one whom God has called, that he is enabled much better to 'preach the word,' rightly to divine it. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will heartily co-operate with the Education Board of the State Convention in the support of indigent young men preparing for the ministry.

B. F. HESTER,
ROBT. HESTER, } Committee.
JAS. ELLIOTT,

The Association repaired to the stand to hear the Conventional Sermon, at 11 o'clock, which was preached by Elder J. S. Purefoy, from Luke xix: 13—"Occupy till I come."

AFTERNOON.

Business resumed—Moderator in the chair.

The committee on the time and place for holding the next session of the Association, and the preachers to preach the annual sermons, reported Mountain Creek as the place, Tuesday after the first Thursday in August, 1873, as the time, and Elder Stradley to preach the Introductory and Elder J. E. Montague to preach the Conventional Sermon; all of which was adopted.

The committee on the propriety of churches making their houses of worship comfortable and attractive, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH HOUSES.

Your Committee would recommend,

1st. That each Church appoint trustees to hold property for them.

2d. That each Church see that they have good and lawful deeds executed to the trustees and their successors in office, (giving their names,) for the use and benefit of the Baptist church. Never put a piece of timber on the ground until a deed is secured, and never build on less than three acres of land.

3d. Be sure to build a good house suited to the size of the congregation, with large windows, and blinds, plastered or ceiled, and painted,

with one or more good stoves to make it comfortable in winter for the comfort of the church and Bible schools.

The Lord's house should be the best and most comfortable house within the bounds of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PUREFOY, MOSES DEANE, } Committee.

The committee on the importance of assembling the men and women, as well as the children, every Sunday, for the study of the Bible, submitted a report, which was adopted. (The report on this subject has been mislaid.)

The committee on the advantages of permanent pastorates, and the disadvantages of annual elections, made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON PERMANENT PASTORATES.

Your Committee on Permanent Pastorates offer the following:

1. Permanent Pastorates are scriptural, and should be encouraged.

2. The annual election of pastor is without authority from the New Testament, tends to unsettle the pastoral relation, is likely to prove injurious to church and pastor, and should be abandoned.

3. The Pastoral relation should be formed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and should not be severed until the Providence of God renders it necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MITCHELL, S. L. HOWARD, C. D. GRANDY, } Committee.

The committee on the duty of paying pastors such salaries as will enable them to purchase the books they need, and to study the subjects on which they impart instruction, reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON PAYMENT OF PASTORS.

We believe it is the indispensable duty of our churches to pay their pastors such salaries as would enable them to furnish themselves with such books and religious papers as would the better fit and qualify them for the discharge of their important duties as pastors. It is also our decided opinion that it would be much the best that our churches should have a distinct understanding with their pastor on or before the com-

mencement of each year as to what he is to receive for his pastoral services. We also think it is the indispensable duty of our churches to be prompt in the payment of the amount agreed on: a neglect or refusal of such payment we regard as a serious offence on the part of any of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

N. E. CANNADY,
E. DALBY,
J. T. C. NORWOOD, } Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Missions offered the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee does not deem it necessary to enlarge upon the obligations imposed on us by the Master to aid in the extension of his kingdom among the heathen by earnest prayer, by cordial sympathy, and by voluntary contributions to the full extent of our ability. The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ as is exemplified in the word and work of the great Head of the Church, of the Apostles, and the enlightened christian sentiment of the church in all ages. As Baptists we are now even as we have been in spirit, fully and heartily committed to the great work of "preaching the Gospel to every creature." While we do not regard this work of equal importance with that of securing the salvation of our own souls and of those around us, yet standing as it does on the authority and promise of God, we cannot lightly esteem it without wilful disobedience to God and a criminal violation of the dictates of an enlightened conscience. We are glad, therefore, to be able to report a healthy and increased sympathy and active co-operation generally among our churches in this matter; and as an expression of our approbation, we do hereby tender our encouragement and support to all the churches in behalf of this great christian enterprise. We do this the more cheerfully as we recognize the approbation of our Father in the general prosperity and success of our mission work. Everywhere, except it be in Africa, the Lord appears to have crowned our labors with abundant success. There our work has not been in vain, though our apparent success under the Lord has not been uninterrupted, and the present prospects of Africa are not equal to our desires.

In Shanghai, notwithstanding the discouragements growing out of the affliction of our honored and very dear brother Yates, the little church seems to be prospering under the ministry of a native preacher, aided by Sister Yates. During the last year seven baptisms are reported, with a full membership of fifty-two.

In Canton we have four churches, numbering one hundred and forty members, under the care of brethren R. H. Graves, E. Z. Simmons, N. B. Williams, with their wives and Miss Whilden, together with one native pastor, Wong Mui, eight native assistants, and four Bible women.

Our Mission to Italy has been a success from its beginning. In a little over one year, in the several stations nearly three hundred members have been received. Bro. Cote has returned to his field of labor and the present prospects of the work in and about Rome are exceedingly flattering.

Besides these stations now occupied by Southern Baptists, other and important fields are constantly being opened by Providence. In fact,

almost the whole world is ripe for the introduction of the gospel. Let us mark the indications of Providence guiding us to duty and success, and taking courage go forward in this great work. We would recommend a general circulation among the churches of the *Home and Foreign Journal*, concerts of prayer for Missions, and continued contributions on the part of all the churches.

On account of the want of time the reports offered and adopted this afternoon were not discussed.

On motion, three delegates were appointed to represent this Association in the next session of the Baptist Convention of North Carolina, viz.: Elder E. F. Beachum, F. M. Meadows, H. A. Connell.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind and hospitable entertainment during the present session.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the church at Mountain Creek, on Tuesday after the first Thursday in August, 1873.

Prayer was offered by Elder Marsh and the benediction pronounced by the Moderator, when the Association adjourned, after a harmonious session.

R. I. DEVIN, MODERATOR.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The statistics for the present year show an increase of 55 members, and yet, as compared with the statistics of last year, a decrease of 178. This arises from inaccuracies in the returns. For example, the church at Pleasant Grove reported for 1871, 69 members, and this year, 45, with none dismissed, excluded or deceased, making a difference of 24 unaccounted for. The church at Mt. Calvary reported for 1871, 65 members, and this year 50, with 9 baptized and 3 dismissed—showing a

nett increase of six members, and yet 15 less than last year. These things show the importance of more care in order to preserve correct statistics.—But it is gratifying to note an increase in liberality. For example: 1871, Home Missions, $115.60; Foreign Missions, $75.70. 1872, Home Mis., $152.78; For. Mis., $188.03—with an increase in all the departments of benevolence. It is painful, however, to see in some of the churches *no sign of the grace of liberality.* Let the churches take notice, that it is now a standing order to publish statistics on this subject, and let the annual letters be prepared with that view. CLERK.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2d. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3d. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all Committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and, at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and noes.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution or Laws.

The Treasurer of last year offered the following report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1871.

E. C. MONTAGUE, *In Account with the*

Flat River Association.

To sundry amounts, received from August 31, 1870, to August 1, 1871.

Amounts from Churches for the objects of the Baptist State Covention.

	Dr. Yates' Chapel.	W. H. Connell's Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Incidental Expenses.	Total Amount.
Amis' Chapel,		$ 7 00	$ 7 00	$ 7 15			$ 21 15
Antioch,	4 25	5 00	5 00				14 25
Concord,		5 50	20	3 50			9 20
Corinth,			3 00	4 00			7 00
Grassy Creek,		9 00	8 80	8 00			25 80
Hester's,		5 85	7 75	8 25			21 85
Mill Creek,			5 00	5 00			10 00
Mountain Creek,		15 00	4 00	3 50			22 50
Mt. Zion,		6 85	1 15	11 35			19 35
Olive Branch,					5 40		5 40
Poplar Creek,			2 00		3 00		5 00
Tally Ho,			1 00	1 70			2 70
Oxford,	13 00	21 00	32 25	18 25	3 25		87 75
Oxford Sunday School,				5 00			5 00
Public collection at Association,	37 82		38 45				76 27
From Churches for Incidental Expenses,						40 55	40 55
							$373 77

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Paid to Elder J. D. Hufham, Cor. Sec. of S. B. Convention:							
For State Mission	115 60						
" Foreign Mission,	75 70						
" W. H. Connell's education,	54 20						
" Dr. Yates' Chapel,	43 07						
" Education,	11 65						
" Dr. Yates, by Eld. Marsh,	12 00						
" J. M. Howell, for Connell,	21 00						
" J. J. Lansdell, for Incidental Expenses,	40 55						$373 77

STATISTICAL TABLE, No. 1.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,	Warren Overby, L. A. Royster, Wm. Chandler,*	12 78	12 78	12 79	125 00	2 00	2	2		1	1		98
Antioch,	H. A. Reams,* John Allen, W. C. Rogers,	2 88	2 87		125 00	2 00							48
Bethel,	D. A. Harris, S. P. Gentry, W. H. Jackson,	3 28	3 27	3 27	100 00	2 50	20	1	1	2		1	111
Concord,	J. W. Dalby, N. C. Lyon, Calvin Waller,	6 00	9 50	9 50	125 00	2 50	7	1			3	1	151
Corinth,	J. M. Howell,* D. C. Reams,* L. T. Buchanan,			25 00	100 00	1 50				2	3		174
Fellowship,	T. H. Perry, J. W. Kemp,* G. T. Peace,				50 00	1 00							86
Flat River Union,	John Peed, W. H. Peed, Thos. Green,				100 00	2 00				3		1	161
Grassy Creek,	T. J. Pittard, W. J. Barnett, R. T. Ealam,	15 00	15 00	10 90	225 00	2 70	23	4		4		2	318
Hester's,	B. F. Hester, J. M. Currin, B. F. Knott,	10 29	27 13	13 53	260 00	3 00			1	10	3	4	124
Island Creek,	J. G. Morgan, J. T. C. Norwood, Simeon Green,	18 75	20 00	18 75	150 00	2 00				1		3	88
Mill Creek,	J. J. Lansdell, J. Younger, R. T. Howerton,	5 00	5 00		100 00	3 00		4		3		2	132
Mt. Calvary,	A. W. Holloway, J. J. Holloway, A. Colclough,				50 00	1 50	9			3			50
Mountain Creek,	Jones Elliott, Rob. Hester, G. W. Hart,	25 00	16 00	8 00	300 00	2 20	19	1		3	3		225
Mt. Zion,	E. H. Jones, S. L. Howard, Moses Deane,	4 53	31 73	9 89	150 00	3 00	2	2		2	3		129
Mt. Harmony,	H. C. Sweeney, R. J. Davis,* J. W. Philpott,*	4 00			40 00	1 00	1						31
New Light,	Sandy Penny, W. J. Ward, J. Z. Allen,				100 00	2 00				3	2	3	215
Oxford,	W. R. Beasley, C. D. Grandy, T. T. Grandy,	27 00	23 00	17 25	400 00	1 50		1					63
Olive Branch,	T. H. Street, J. G. Norwood, C. F. Sanford,	2 27	4 00	2 28	100 00	2 00	28	3		5		3	148
Pleasant Grove,	E. Winston, J. R. Knight, Wiley Rogers,*				40 00	1 30							45
Poplar Creek,	S. S. Hicks, S. M. Parrish, J. E. Callis,	7 50	7 50	7 50	100 00	2 00	2			1	1	3	103
Sandy Level,	A. W. Fletcher, James Umsted,				50 00	1 60		2		2	4		25
Tabb's Creek,	Ch. Parham, A. C. Parham,* John Howell,*	50	2 25	3 50	80 00	1 50						1	35
Tally Ho,	G. W. Duncan, F. M. Meadows, W. H. Thomasson,	8 00	8 00	4 00	125 00	1 50	1	6		6			90
	* Absent.	$152 78	$188 03	$146 16		$45 30	114	27	2	41	23	24	2,650

TABLE, No. 2.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	R. Amis,	Buchanan,	1st Sab. & Sat. before.
Antioch,	E. J. Montague,		H. A. Reams,	Roxboro,	3d " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,		W. H. Lawson,	Bethel Hill,	1st " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,		D. Vaughan,	Dutchville,	2d " "
Corinth,	J. S. Purefoy,	Forestville,	J. M. Howell,	Oxford,	4th " "
Fellowship,	W. A. Atkinson,		T. H. Perry,	New Light,	4th " "
Flat River Union,	W. A. Atkinson,	Forestville,	W. H. Peed,	Knap of Reeds,	3d " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,		B. T. Winston,	Young's ⋈ Roads,	4th " "& 2 Sab
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,		Jos. Howard,	Oxford,	2d " "& 4 "
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,		J. T. C. Norwood,	Williamsboro,	3d " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	T. J. Montague,	Woodsdale,	4th " "
Mt. Calvary,	J. H. Layton,		Alex. Colclough,	Fish Dam,	4th " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's ⋈ Roads,	P. Blackwell,		1st and 3d Sab.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah,	2d Sab. and Sat. before.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Tally Ho,	I. N. Day,		1st " "& 4 Sab
New Light,	W. A. Atkinson,		John Norwood,	New Light,	2d " "
Oxford,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	E. C. Montague,	Oxford,	1st and 3d Sab.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,		W. T. Humphries,	Blue Wing,	3d Sab. & Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove,	J. P. Montague,		J. W. Fuller,	Wilton,	1st " "
Poplar Creek,	J. A. Stradley,		G. W. Wright,	Henderson,	4th " "
Sandy Level,	J. P. Montague,	Tally Ho,	John Hall,	Durham,	4th " "
Tabb's Creek,	T. J. Horner,		W. A. Parham,		3d " "
Tally Ho,	T. J. Horner,		L. Hobgood,	Oxford,	2d " "

Elder E. F. Beachum, Williamsboro, and Elder J. J. Lansdell, Roxboro, without pastoral charges.

TABLE No. 3—SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS, &c.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	No. of religious papers taken.
Amis' Chapel,		1	3	15	25
Bethel,		1	6	41	
Corinth,	J. W. Gordon,	1		40	
Grassy Creek,		1			
Mill Creek (at Roxboro),	J. J. Lansdell,	1	4	34	
Mountain Creek,		1	5	30	
Hester's,	B. F. Hester,	1	4	30	
Mt. Zion,	E. H. Jones,	1			
Poplar Creek,					26
Island Creek,		1		30	10
Oxford,	T. T. Grandy, E. C. Montague,	2	20	114	
Sandy Level,	C. W. Rochell,	1	7	76	
Tally Ho,		1			

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

To aid the church at Rome—Hester's, $4.00; Mt. Zion, $14.85; New Light $3.05.

To aid the church at Greensboro—Oxford, $7.75.

To aid the church at Lillington—Hester's, $3.20.

S. S. contribution—Concord, $6.00.

Do. for Greensboro—Hester's, $5.00.

Incidental Expenses—Hester's, $14.50.

MINUTES

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OF THE

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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOUNTAIN CREEK, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 12-14, 1873.

ELDER J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator, Oxford.
ELDER J. J. LANSDELL, Clerk, Roxboro'.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
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PROCEEDINGS.

MOUNTAIN CREEK CHURCH,
Granville County, N. C., Aug. 12, 1873.

The Association met in its 80th annual session, at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Stradley from the 3d verse of the Epistle of Jude: "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

After intermission and refreshments, the Association was called to order by Elder R. I. Devin, Moderator, and opened by singing, reading a portion of scripture, and prayer.

Letters from the churches were read, and delegates enrolled, when the Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Moderator, J. A. Stradley; Clerk, J. J. Lansdell; Treasurer, T. T. Grandy.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, and responded to by Prof. Reinhart of Raleigh Female Seminary.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Religious Services—The Pastor and Deacons of Mountain Creek Church.

On Home Missions—R. H. Marsh, J. W. Hunt, D. A. Harris.

On Foreign Missions—R. I. Devin, R. Peed, Thos. J. Montague.

On Education—J. P. Montague, Prof. Reinhart, John Howell.

On Periodicals—B. F. Hester, J. D. Parham, H. Stovall.

On Sunday Schools—J. B. Hobgood, D. Vaughan, J. Pittard.

On Prayer Meetings and Family Worship—F. Knott, W. S. Barnett, E. C. Coley.

On the time and place of the next meeting of the Association and the preachers for the Annual Sermons—Sherman Peed, S. C. Humphries, J. I. Moore.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Prof. Reinhart.

AUG. 13, 9½ O'CLOCK.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with devotional services, conducted by Elder J. E. Montague.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, and the roll called.

An invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and Elder N. B. Cobb, Agent and Missionary of the S. S. Board of the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

The report of the Treasurer for last year was read by Elder Marsh, and approved. (See report A.)

Elder Marsh read the report on State Missions, when the subject was discussed by Elders Hufham, Cobb, Marsh and Horner and Bro. D. A. Harris, a collection in cash of $67.20 raised for State Missions, and the report adopted. (See report B.)

Bro. Vaughan read the report on Sunday Schools, when Elder Cobb ably discussed the subject of the Sunday School work in the State, followed by Prof. Reinhart in an able and well-timed address directed specially to the laity, urging them to unremitted labors in this department of christian usefulness. After which the Association took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON.

The report of Sunday Schools being under consideration, Elder Marsh offered a resolution which was adopted as an amendment to the report. Remarks were made by Elders Horner, Hufham, Cobb, Bro. D. A. Harris and Elder Cohen. The report as amended was adopted. (See report C.)

Elder Cohen reported himself as a visitor.

The Committee on the time and place of the next annual meeting and the preachers for the annual sermons, reported, Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1874, as the time, and Oxford as the place; Elder T. J. Horner to preach the Introductory and Elder R. I. Devin, the Conventional sermon—all of which was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and the subject being discussed by Elders Hufham, J. P. Montague and Lansdell, the report was adopted. (See report D.)

On motion of Bro. R. Peed, a Committee on Temperance was appointed, consisting of Elder J. E. Montague, R. Peed and C. S. Chandler.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Horner.

NOTE.—On account of rain there was no preaching yesterday afternoon nor to-day.

AUG. 14, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with devotional services, conducted by Elder Cohen.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, and the roll called.

The report on Education was read by Elder J. P. Montague, when the necessities of our beneficiaries at Wake Forest College were presented by Elder Hufham, and a collection of $56.00 in cash and $45.00 in subscriptions was raised for their benefit—after which Prof. Reinhart entertained the Associa-

tion in a lengthy and able discussion on the general subject of Education, followed by Elders Marsh, Horner and Cohen in well-timed remarks, when the report was adopted. (See report E.)

At 11½ o'clock the Association adjourned to the stand to hear the Conventional sermon, which was preached by Elder J. E. Montague from John 21: 17. After preaching, a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions, but the amount was not reported to the Clerk.

AFTERNOON.

The Association being called to order by the Moderator, on motion of Elder Horner, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Sunday School work in the State, but the amount collected was not reported to the Clerk.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted. (See report F.)

The report on Periodicals was read and adopted. (See report G.)

The report on family prayer and prayer meetings was read and adopted. (See report H.)

In accordance with the report on Sunday Schools, as amended by the resolution appended, the following committee was appointed: B. F. Hester, Samuel L. Howard, G. W. Watkins, Ruffin Woody, J. G. Morgan and Woodson Duncan.

On motion, three delegates were appointed to represent the Association in the next session of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, to meet with the church at Warrenton, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1873, viz.: R. I. Devin, T. J. Horner, S. S. Hicks.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered

to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind and hospitable entertainment during the present session.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the church at Oxford, on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August, 1874.

Elder Hufham preached at the stand at 10 o'clock, A. M., and Elder Cobb at, 2 P. M.

J. A. STRADLEY, MODERATOR.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2d. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3d. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and, at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and noes.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution or Laws.

(A.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. M. MEADOWS, *In account with Flat River Association.*

DATE.	SOURCES.	Greensboro' Church.	Contingent Fund.	Church at Rome.	Greenville Students' Fund	Education.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	TOTAL.
1872.									
Aug. 7	To cash from Mt. Zion Church		$ 3 00	$14 85		$ 9 89	$ 31 23	$ 4 53	$ 63 50
"	" " Tabb's Creek Church		1 50			4 75		50	6 75
"	" " Poplar Creek Church		2 00			8 50	7 00	7 00	24 50
"	" " Sandy Level Church		1 60					4 00	5 60
"	" " Mt. Harmony Church		1 00						1 00
"	" " Mill Creek Church		3 00				5 00	5 00	13 00
"	" " Amis Chapel Church		2 00	5 00		10 00	5 00	18 35	40 35
"	" " Concord Church		2 50			10 00	15 00	6 00	33 50
"	" " Mountain Creek Church		2 20			8 00	16 00	25 00	51 20
"	" " Bethel Church		2 50				5 00	4 82	12 32
"	" " Grassy Creek Church		2 70			10 90	15 00	15 00	43 60
"	" " New Light Church		2 00	3 05					5 05
"	" " Fellowship Church		1 00						1 00
"	" " Pleasant Grove Church		1 30						1 30
"	" " Olive Branch Church		2 00			2 27	4 00	2 28	10 55
"	" " Mt. Calvary Church		1 50						1 50
"	" " Corinth Church		1 50						1 50
"	" " Island Creek Church		2 00			18 75	20 00	18 75	59 50

"	"	"	Oxford Church	12 75	1 50	.....	2 50	14 75	23 00	27 00		81 50
"	"	"	Flat River Union Church	.....	2 00	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	.....		2 00
"	"	"	Antioch Church	.....	2 00	.....	.. ..	.....	8 00	7 75		17 75
"	"	"	Hester's Church	10 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	9 54	27 13	10 28		67 95
"	"	"	Tally Ho Church	.....	1 50	.....	.. ..	4 00	8 00	8 00		21 50
"	"	"	Public Collection	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	7 80	7 80	.....		15 60
				$22 75	$45 30	$26 90	$6 50	$119 15	$197 16	$164 26		

CR.

1872.				
Aug. 7	By cash paid Elder J. B. Richardson, for Church at Greensboro'	$ 22 75		
"	" " Elder J. D. Hufham, Ag't	498 37		
"	" " Elder J. J. Lansdell, for incidental expenses	45 30		
"	" " J. G. Williams, Treasurer B. S. C	15 60		
	Total	$582 02		$582 02

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. MEADOWS,
Treasurer F. R. A.

The above account has been examined and found correct.

R. H. MARSH, *Auditor.*

(B.)

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This department of our benevolent operations is designed to supply the parts of our destitute of Baptist preaching with the gospel as understood by us as Baptists. In this sense the destitution in variaus localities is immense. Almost every Association in the State embraces within its bounds or in its adjacent territory sections more or less destitute of Baptist preaching. In some instances whole counties, in others parts of counties containing areas of from twenty-five to fifty miles square, and many flourishing towns and villages, some of which are now, and others promise to be, great centers of trade and influence, know comparatively nothing of Baptist principles and practices. In our own Association there are large and inviting fields of labor. We would mention particularly Kittrells, the section in and around Townesville and along the Virginia line to Warren, and a large territory in the south-western part of the Association lying between Knap of Reeds, Hillsboro and Antioch. To supply this destitution the State Board is doing what it can, but its means in comparison with the extent of the destitution, are limited. We must and ought to look after our own destitution.

Our State missionaries are laboring faithfully in some of the most important points in the State. Dr. Walters at Weldon, Littleton and Kittrells; Elder Richardson at Greensboro; Elder Howel at Hickory Station; Elder Moody at Morganton; Elder Jordan at Winston and Thomasville; and Elder Simpson at Plymouth. These brethren and others in various places are trying to build up self-sustaining churches, and are looking to the churches for sympathy and cooperation. Let us not fail in our duty, but work on patiently, and success may be confidently expected.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH, *Ch'n.*

(C.)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are gratified at the increasing interest manifested in the Sunday School work among the churches of this Association.

The importance of the work fully justifies the effort now being made in this direction. Therefore, we would recommend every church to establish Sunday Schools, and labor earnestly to keep them up, with the assurance that their labors will not be in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HOBGOOD,
J. W. PITTARD,
D. VAUGHAN.

Which report was amended by adding the following resolution, offered by Elder Marsh:

Resolved, That this Association adopt the plan of organization recommended by the Sunday School Board of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, viz.: The appointment of a Sunday School Executive Committee in every Association, and a sub-committee in every church, whose duty it shall be to organize a Sunday School and Sunday School Missionary Society in every Baptist church and in every destitute neighborhood where practicable, and report Sunday School statistics to the Central Executive Committee, and contributions to the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board or the Treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

(D.)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The condition of our Foreign Mission work is at this time encouraging. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention have mission stations in China, Italy and Africa which must be sustained. God in his Providence is opening new and inviting fields for missionary effort which ought to be occupied. But this can not be done without increased liberality on the part of our brethren at home.

The Foreign Mission Board is just at this time in great need of funds to meet their obligations. The Corresponding Secretary says: "The Board is merely the agent of the churches, and is utterly helpless without they furnish the means for the work. Our missionaries must suffer or be re-called, if their support is not provided." Again he says: "The policy which the Board is striving to establish is, *Rigid economy, no debt,* and *gradual progress.*"

We recommend the circulation of the *Home and Foreign Journal,* and we urge the brethren especially to increase their liberality in the great work of spreading the gospel throughout the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

R. I. DEVIN.

(E.)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We deem it a cause of legitimate self-gratulation and sincere and devout gratitude to God that our denomination in this State, as in neighboring States, is awaking to a fuller appreciation of the claims of education as a potent means to be made subservient to the Redeemer's Kingdom and the dissemination and establishment "of the faith once delivered unto the saints."

To this end, we would urge upon the brethren to seek to establish upon a firm and lasting foundation our own denominational institutions of learning. We mention first our own Wake Forest College, believing that this year will be memorable in its history as the year of its endowment, that future generations may look back with gratitude when they remember the noble deeds done by the friends of our College in the year 1873. Wake Forest College has already had an eminent career of usefulness and has been a power in the land for good; and with an endowment it would be still more extensively useful in the future. It therefore has claims on our contributions, our patronage and our prayers.

Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary, now firmly established with a full faculty of experienced teachers, and thoroughly equipped for the work of higher female education, has special claims on our patronage, on account of our excellent brother F. P. Hobgood being from our midst, who, with his excellent associates, merits our entire confidence, and only needs the patronage of the denomination to make it one of the first institutions of learning for females in the South.

Bro. T. J. Horner and Son (W. D. Horner) having removed their school from Tally Ho to Henderson, N. C., and opened with flattering prospects, it is well worthy of our encouragement.

We would not forget the claims of our Theological Seminary located at Greenville, S. C., deeply regretting that it has received so small a proportion of our contributions in the past; and recommending the importance of its work in giving to the denomination an educated Baptist ministry, we would express the earnest hope that Greenville Theological Seminary may have in the future our liberal support.

And while we yield to none in our admiration of a religious education, we feel as Baptists that we should teach the people that a mere knowledge of letters is different from a spiritual knowledge of Christ.

J. P. MONTAGUE,
H. W. REINHART,
J. T. HOWELL.

(F.)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, This goodly land of ours is still greatly cursed by the liquor traffic; and,

Whereas, We learn with special regret, that some of our brethren are either directly or indirectly engaged in this ruinous traffic and in the use of intoxicating beverages; therefore,

Resolved, That as an Association we will constantly discountenance this traffic and do all in our power to drive it not only from our churches but also from our land.

Resolved, That while we would not make a moderate use of intoxicating liquors a test of fellowship, we do earnestly recommend to every Baptist a total abstinence from everything that can intoxicate, except for mechanical or medicinal purposes, on the principle of the apostle: "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MONTAGUE,
RICHARD PEED,
C. S. CHANDLER, *Com.*

(G.)

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We know that Bro. J. H. Mills was an able and efficient editor of our organ, the *Biblical Recorder,* and are sorry that he felt it his duty to retire from its management. His successor, Elder A. F. Redd, is one of our ablest men, and gives promise of making it equally, even more useful. By using a smaller type he has largely increased the quantity of reading matter, and improved the appearance of the paper.

We think it a paper of which our denomination may justly be proud, and heartily commend it, advising every head of a family to take it.

We also call attention to *Kind Words,* an excellent Sunday School paper published by Elder S. Boykin, Atlanta, Ga.; also to the *Home and Foreign Journal,* edited by Rev. J. C. Long, Charlottesville, Va., as the only source from which the Association may obtain full information concerning our missionaries and their work.

B. F. HESTER, *Ch'n.*
J. D. PARHAM,
H. STOVAL.

(H.)

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER AND PRAYER MEETINGS.

We feel that we are too indifferent to these duties; that we miss many refreshing seasons by failing to discharge especially the duty of family devotion, and that revivals of religion would be more frequent if we were more constant in prayer both around the fireside and at church. We believe that it is the christian duty of the head of every family professing faith in Christ to pray daily with his family, and that it is the duty of the churches to keep up prayer meetings and of the members to attend them.

Respectfully submitted,

FIELDING KNOTT,
W. S. BARNETT,
E. C. COLEY.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

Churches.	Delegates.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,..	C. H. Frazier, C. S. Chandler, J. H. Overby,*..	2 00	125 00	4 33	4 34	4 33	....	2	1	....	3	1	97
Antioc,.....	R. B. Trim, J. M. Burton, Wm. Satterfield*..	1 50	100 00	3 12	3 13	.....	....	1	....	4	1	....	44
Bethel.....	S. C. Humphries, D. A. Harris, T. A. Day....	2 00	100 00	3 63	3 62	.....	12	4	1	2	2	1	123
Concord†.....	J. W. Dally,* E. C. Coley, D. Vaughan.....	2 00	150 00	3 33	3 33	3 34	.....	....	1	55	.....	1	97
Corinth.....	J. W. Pittard, W. N. Gooch,* G. W. Averett..	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	1	....	....	....	2	103
Fellowship.....	T. H. Perry,* F. J. Bailey,* W. J. Mangum*..	1 50	75 00	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	1	1	84
Flat R. Union..	Thos. Green, R. Peed, J. P. Montague	2 00	260 00	.....	.....	.....	6	....	....	....	1	....	103
Grassy Creek..	A. H. Gordon, L. B. Stone, W. J. Wilkerson..	2 00	225 00	7 92	7 93	5 28	....	....	....	10	3	9	301
Hester's.....	J. B. Hobgood, F. Knott, B. F. Hester.....	3 00	260 00	9 45	24 99	8 51	16	2	....	7	1	5	134
Island Creek...	Wm. H. Green, Caleb Knott,† D. V. Knott...	2 00	150 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	23	3	1	5	1	4	82
Mill Creek.....	J. J. Lansdell, J. W. Hunt, T. E. Montague...	3 00	100 00	15 00	.....	.....	23	1	....	5	....	2	159
Mt. Calvary ‡..	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50
Mountain Creek	B. D. Frazier, W. W. Eakes, Jos. Hart.....	3 00	.....	13 33	13 34	.....	9	2	1	6	1	....	231
Mt. Zion.....	A. D. Frazier, Chas. Currin, Crudup Currin...	3 25	.....	2 00	30 20	25	23	2	....	4	1	....	150
Mt. Harmony..	Wm. Latta,* J. W. Phillpott,* Geo. F. Knott,	1 00	42 50	.....	3 40	.....	...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	32
New Light.....	Thos. Ward,* Wm. Lassiter, E. B. Rogers,*..	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	210
Oxford.....	W. S. Barnett, J. I. Moore, T. T. Grandy.....	1 50	.....	20 00	6 00	14 00	....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	60
Olive Branch..	H. Stovall, B. H. West, C. F. Santford.....	2 75	100 00	.....	.....	.....	....	2	....	1	1	3	140
Pleasant Grove.	G. W. Rogers,* J. W. Fuller,* E. Rogers*....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	46
Poplar Creek...	A. D. Parham, J. E. Callis, S. M. Parish.....	2 00	100 00	1 53	1 54	1 53	1	.....	.....	.....	2	1	97
Sandy Level...	C. J. Rogers,* James Olmsted*.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	....	1	....	1	1	....	1	25
Tabb's Creek..	A. C. Parham,* C. W. Parham,* John Howell,	1 00	80 00	1 00	1 00	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	61
Tally Ho.....	F. M. Meadows,* W. H. Thomason,* S. Peed,	1 60	.....	1 92	1 92	1 91	15	1	....	8	2	2	92
		43 60	.....	93 56	111 74	46 15	160	22	6	111	24	39	2,521

*Absent, †Colored members dismissed, ‡Membership of last year.

TABLE No. 2.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Time of Meeting.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	R. Amis	New Hope Mills	1st Sab. and Sat. before
Antioc	E. J. Montague	Center Grove	W. C. Rogers	Roxboro'	3rd " "
Bethel	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	W. H. Lawson	Roxboro'	1st " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley		D. Vaughan	Dutchville	2nd " "
Corinth	J. S. Purefoy	Forestville	J. M. Howell	Oxford	4th " "
Fellowship	E. F. Beacham		T. H. Perry	New Light	4th " "
Flat River Union	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	W. H. Peed	Knap of Reeds	3rd " before and 1st Sab.
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Young's X Roads,	B. T. Winston	Young's X Roads,	4th " " and 2nd "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh		Jos. Howard	Oxford	2nd " " and 4th "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley		J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro'	3rd " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague		T. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	4th " "
Mt. Calvary					
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin		P. Blacknall		1st and 3rd Sab.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague		H. C. Sweney	Mt. Tirzah	2nd Sab. and Sat. before
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson	Isaac M. Day		1st " "
New Light	J. R. Underwood		John Norwood	New Light	2nd " "
Oxford					
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague		W. T. Humphries	Blue Wing	3rd " "
Pleasant Grove	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton	J. W. Fuller	Wilton	1st " "
Poplar Creek	J. A. Stradley		Geo. W. Wright	Henderson	4th " "
Sandy Level	J. P. Montague	Tally Ho			4th " "
Tabb's Creek	T. J. Horner		W. A. Parham		3rd " "
Tally Ho	T. J. Horner		F. M. Meadows	Tally Ho	2nd " "

TABLE No. 3.—SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS, &c.

Churches.	Superintendents.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	No. of Religious Papers Taken.
Amis' Chapel		1	3	20	
Antioc		1			
Bethel		1	5	60	80
Corinth	J. W. Gordon	1		40	
Flat River Union		1			
Hester's					7
Island Creek					12
Mill Creek (at Roxboro')	J. J. Lansdell	1	4	25	15
Mountain Creek		1			
Olive Branch		1	8	51	
Oxford	T. T. Grandy	2			
Poplar Creek	E. C. Montague				9

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF WAKE FOREST COELEGE:

Corinth	$226 00
Tally Ho	140 00
Hester's	500 00

TO AID THE CHURCH AT HICKORY STATION.

Corinth	$10 00
Tabb's Creek	3 50
Tally Ho	7 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Hester's	$ 15 00
Flat River Union	225 00
Oxford contributes to Indian Missions	$1 06
Dr. Yates	5 00
Greenville Seminary	7 00

Note.—Several of the letters from the Churches mention the fact of contributions having been made for the endowment of Wake Forest College, but do not state the amount; other churches that had contributed liberally say nothing on the subject, while a few give nothing for any object of benevolence, pay their pastors poorly, and are making no improvement at home.

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PROCEEDINGS.

AMIS' CHAPEL, GRANVILLE CO., N. C.,
TUESDAY, August 15th, 1876.

The Flat River Baptist Association met in its Eighty-third Session with the church at this place to-day.

Elder R. I. Devin preached the Introductory Sermon from Isaiah 46: 10, Josh 24: 15.

After a short recess, the Association was called to order by Brother J. E. Montague, the former Moderator.

After singing the hymn, "I love Thy Kingdom Lord," was lead in prayer by A. McDowell, D.D.

Letters from the churches were read, and names of the delegates enrolled,

After which, the Association balloted for officers, resulting in the election of Elder F. R. Underwood, Moderator; B. F. Hester, Clerk; and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

A letter from North Fork Church, Va., asking for admission into this body, was read, and the church was unanimously received.

An invitation to visiting brethren, was accepted by Dr. McDowell, President of Chowan Female Baptist Institute; Dr. A. E. Dickinson, of *Religious Herald;* Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of *Recorder* and Agent of Board of Education of Wake Forest College; Elder J. B. Richardson, Agent Baptist State Convention; Elders R. H. Griffith, of South Yadkin Association, and Agent Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; J. K. Falkner and Wm Slate, of Dan River Association, Va.; J. S. Purefoy, of Central Association, Agent for Endowment of Wake Forest College; and Brother F. P. Hobgood, President of Raleigh Female Baptist Seminary.

The following Committees were announced:

On Religious Exercises—Pastors and Deacons of the church.

On State Missions—Elder J. E. Montague and Brethren G. W. Pittard and B. D. Howard.

On Foreign Missions—Elder J. B. Richardson and Brethren Thos. Green and G. W. Averett.

On Education—Elder T. J. Horner and Brethren F. Knott and T. J. Montague.

On Periodicals—Elder J. A. Stradley and Brethren J. L. Vaughn and S. C. Hobgood.

On Sabbath Schools—Brethren F. P. Hobgood, H. T. Knott and Ruffin Woody.

On Prayer Meeting and Family Prayer—Elder A. McDowell and Brethren Rufus Amis and J. G. Morgan.

On Temperance—Brethren E. C. Montague, A. C. Parham and W. W. Hill.

On Time and Place and Preachers for Next Session—Brethren R. Amis, H. Stoval and S. C. Humphries.

On motion the following additional committees were appointed:

On Home Missions—Elder C. T. Bailey and Brethren Wiley Rogers and E. J. Ragsdale.

On Systematic Beneficence—Elders J. A. Stradley and J. K. Falkner and Brother J. J. Meadows.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder A. McDowell.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Called the roll of delegates and read the minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

The church at Sandy Level asked for a letter of dismission, which was granted.

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

If we would retain our respectability as a denomination and perform our christian obligations to the succeeding generation, we must thoroughly educate our sons and daughters. To cultivate the minds and hearts of our children is a duty we owe to them, to ourselves and to our Saviour, and we regard those parents who do not, up to the full extent of their ability, afford their children all the facilities of a liberal education, as extremely direlect in duty. We are pleased to report that our brethren seem to fully appreciate the importance of female education, and that our excellent female schools have, during this associational year, received liberal patronage; but we fear that our brethren are sadly and criminally neglecting the education of their sons.

Your committe would call the attention of the Association to the interest of Wake Forest College which we ought to make worthy of the great denomination in whose interest it is laboring. We are pleased to recommend as worthy of public patronage and confidence the Raleigh Female Seminary and the Chowan Baptist Female Institute.

T. J. HORNER,
F. KNOTT,
T. J. MONTAGUE.

It was thoroughly discussed by Elders Bailey, Purefoy, Horner, McDowell, Griffith and Brother F. P. Hobgood.

Adopted.

The following was adopted as the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The importance of the State Mission work is so well understood that we deem it unnecessary to make an elaborate report. We simply desire to call the attention of the Association to the fact that the State Mission Board has in its employ a number of faithful missionaries, who are laboring at important points in the State, and who are dependant upon the liberality of the churches for their support. We recommend that the pastors in this Association keep before their people the demands of the State Mission work, and urge them to contribute liberally and regularly to its support.

J. E. MONTAGUE,
B. D. HOWARD,
G. W. PITTARD.

Remarks by Elders Richardson, Bailey Griffith, Stradley,

Underwood, Devin, J. E. Montague and Brother A. C. Parham and Dr. McDowell.

On motion, adjourned for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

On motion, the Chairman of different Committees shall be allowed ten and other brethren five minutes in which to discuss the various reports during the remainder of the session.

Elder J. B. Richardson read the following report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last commandment of our Saviour summons and orders his people to this field of christian labor. And for the last fifty years no christian effort has He more signally blessed than that put forth to give the gospel to the heathen nations. Half a century ago there were of all evangelical denominations 40 ordained ministers laboring as foreign missionaries. Now there are 2,300. Then there was contributed per annum to this work $100,000, now $6,000,000. Then there were 40,000 heathen converts, now there are 500,000.

THE BAPTISTS IN THIS WORK.

In the providence of God the Baptists have been put foremost in this work. The first Bible society ever organized in London was by a Baptist. In modern times England's and America's first foreign missionaries were Baptists. And while we are contributing only one-ninth of the foreign mission fund, yet one-half of all the evangelical heathen converts are Baptists.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

of the Southern Baptist Convention has at present the following missionaries, with their assistants : In Central Africa, Brethren W. J. David and W. W. Colley; in Rome, Brother G. B. Taylor and wife; in Canton, China, Brethren R. H. Graves, N. B. Williams, with their families and Miss Whilden; in Shanghai, China, M. T. Yates and wife; in Tung Chow, China, T. P. Crawford and wife, Mrs. Holmes and the Misses Moon; At Chefoo, China, J. B. Hartwell and wife, who are now in this country, but expect soon to return to their field.

We earnestly recommend our churches to go forward in this great work, remembering our past success under the blessing of God, and faithfully surveying our prospects as now all heathen nations are opening their doors to us, while facilities unknown to our fathers are offered us. If we fail to do this we shall prove unworthy of the honor conferred by our Lord, unfaithful to the great trust committed to us, and traitor to Him who gave His life for us and our eternal salvation.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
G. W. AVERETT,
THOS. GREEN.

Which, after remarks by Elders J. B. Richardson and R. H. Griffith, was adopted.

The following is the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Moderate drinking is the first step to intemperance, and intemperance is a crying sin of our land;

Therefore, Resolved, That we arnestly recommend that the churches of this Association use all their influence to bring their members to total abstinence.

A. C. PARHAM,
E. C. MONTAGUE,
WM. W. HILL.

Which, after an animated discussion by Elders Stradley, Horner, Griffith and Purefoy, and Brother A. C. Parham, F. Knott, J. J. Meadows, R. Amis, — — Gordon, J. G. Morgan and B. F. Hester, was unanimously adopted.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Horner.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder Richardson.

Roll was called and corrected. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The report on Periodicals was read by Elder Stradley, and after a discussion of the subject by Elders Stradley, Bailey, McDowell, Devin and Purefoy, and Brethren Parham, Morgan, Pittard and Meadows, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee appointed to report on the above subject submit the following:

We heartily commend to all the members of our Association the *Biblical Recorder*, published at Raleigh, N. C., by Edwards, Broughton & Co., at $2.10 per annum, and edited by Elder C. T. Bailey, aided by Elders J. D. Huf ham and W. T. Walters, as a family and religious newspaper, well worthy of a place in every family. We earnestly recommend that every Pastor and every church member in the Association, who desires the promotion of piety, general intelligence and usefulness in your bounds, to do all you can to get the *Recorder* into every family.

We also commend *Kind Words*, edited by Elder S. Boykin, and published at Macon, Ga., at $1.10 per annum to single subscribers and 63 cents for clubs of ten or more, as an excellent paper for children and Sabbath Schools. The great object of this paper is, first to lead our children to embrace Jesus as their Savior, and then to indoctrinate them in Baptist faith and practice. This much needed work is well done by this paper.

A. A. STRADLEY.
SAMUEL HOBGOOD,
Committee.

Bro. F. P. Hobgood offered the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The letters from the churches show that twelve of them have Sunday Schools with an attendance of one thousand children, while the rest make no report. Most of this number, doubtless, have no Sunday School.

Your committee are of the opinion that Baptist churches that do not sustain Sunday Schools are neglecting a most important department of christian effort, and are failing to discharge the high obligations resting on them.

Your committee urge upon the churches the importance of this work, not only because it is a means of bringing the children to Christ and of training them for usefulness, but also because it is a means of grace to the members of the church engaging in it.

F. P. HOBGOOD,
H. T. KNOTT,
RUFFIN WOODY.

Which, after remarks by Elder Richardson, was adopted.

The Moderator called for

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

The committee desire to report that they have performed the work assigned them at the last meeting of the Association.

Institutes have been held at the following times and places :

Fifth Sunday in October, at Enon Church.

Fifth Sunday in January, at Corinth Church.

Fifth Sunday in April, at Mountain Creek Church.

Fifth Sunday in July, at Poplar Creek Church.

The committee have found it desirable to include Saturday also, and have a two day's meeting. We are gratified to be able to report that considerable interest has been taken in these meetings, and that they have awakened a deeper and more general interest in the Sunday School work at large. We may add that the last meeting was regarded as the most interesting and successful of all. We recommend the appointment of another committee, conveniently located, for the ensuing year.

F. R. UNDERWOOD, *Chairman.*

Which was adopted, and

On motion, a Committee on this subject was continued, who shall hereafter make the only report on Sunday Schools.

This Committee is composed of Elder J. A. Stradley and Brethren T. T. Grandy and B. F. Hester.

The report on Systematic Beneficence was offered, and after interesting remarks by Elders J. K. Falkner, E. J. Montague and Underwood, was adopted.

The Committee offered the following report on

HOME MISSIONS,

called Domestic and Indian Missions, began in 1845. In thirty years over 35,000 souls have been converted by means of this Board. In 1846, there were about 400 Baptists in Texas; now the State has over 50,000 white and 20,000 colored Baptists. This increase is largely due to the Home Board. It has been a great blessing to many other Southern States. It has to a great extent cultivated *towns*, thereby correcting the great mistake of Bap-

tists. Of all the Epistles in the New Testament, the one to the Gallatians is the only one addressed to country churches.

The Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, where the Southern Baptist Convention met in 1871, and the Collisseum Church in New Orleans where it is to meet in 1877, are both monuments to its memory. It has cultivated many towns in North Carolina, as Edenton, Elizabeth City, Newbern, Goldsboro', Raleigh, Charlotte, &c. It is said to have helped Raleigh to support a Pastor from 1844 to 1852.

It has helped every State Board in the South.

In 1820 Elders J. M. Peck and James Welch were powerful workers in Missouri. At this time the Home Board was abolished by the North and these great workers were compelled to leave the State. The Baptist cause was carried back in the tide of time one-quarter of a century.

If this Board is abolished, a crushing blow will fall on our State Boards throughout the South as well as on the Foreign Boards for heathen lands. Catholicism, all kind of isms, as well as infidelity will be the result. Let prayers and alms go up for a memorial before God from every Baptist in North Caroiina.

INDIANS.

Their are eight missionaries among the Indians. We own their lands and paid them very little. The island on which stands the city of New York was bought for eight dollars. Let us repair the mighty wrong by sending them the Gospel.

C. T. BAILEY,
WILLIE ROGERS,
E. P. RAGSDALE.

After remarks by Elders Bailey and Underwood, it was adopted.

After an interesting discussion by Elders McDowell, Purefoy, Stradley and Devin and Brother E. J. Ragsdale, the following was adopted as the report on

PRAYER MEETINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER

Of all the privileges which the gospel confers on our race, none are more valuable than the privilege of prayer. By it we are permitted to bring all our wants to God. and to ask him for all the good we need both in this life and in the life to come. It is eminently proper, therefore, that we should pray for ourselves ; for wisdom to guide, and grace to sustain us, in the duties, labors and trials of this life. If we use this privilege successfully for ourselves, we shall feel it to be a duty as well as a privilege, to pray in our families, that they, benefitted by the exercise and encouraged by our

example, may learn to pray for themselves. We shall also esteem it a duty which it would be crimiual to neglect, and a privilege too precious to be lightly esteemed, to join with those who have obtained like precious faith, in social prayer for the blessing of God upon the church, upon the community and upon the world.

Experience has proved that the blessing of God has rested in a most signal manner on those families and churches in which the privilege of prayer has been most highly esteemed and most faithfully used.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McDOWELL,
R. AMIS,
J. G. MORGAN,

The Committee on Time, Place and Preachers for next Session, recommend the following:

Mill Creek as the place; Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1877, as the time; Elder J. A. Stradley to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder F. R. Underwood to preach the Conventional Sermon at 11 o'clock on Wednesday of the session.

Accepted.

The Treasurer then made his report, which was received.

On motion,

Resolved, That we commend to the attention and liberality of our brethren the present effort to secure a sufficient and permanent endowment for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches composing the Flat River Association to unite with the churches composing the Tar River, Beulah and Mt. Zion Associations in raising $20,000 for a professorship in Wake Forest College to be called the Wait Professorship.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to co-operate with the agents of the college and in every suitable way aid in the work, and that $7,000 be considered the part necessary for this Association to raise.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions, a Committee was appointed consisting of Brethren T. T. Grandy, Jas. B.

Hobgood, Jno. J. Meadows, Jno. G. Morgan, Geo. W. Watkins and A. C. Parham.

Elders J. A. Stradley, R. I. Devin and E. J. Montague were appointed Associational Delegates to the next Session of the Baptist State Convention.

The Association adopted the following:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session

After singing, and prayer by Elder Bailey, the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

F. R. UNDERWOOD, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2ND. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches, to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3RD. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2nd. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3rd. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence or the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Education.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Total.	Baptized.	Received by letter	Restored.	Dismissed by let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,	H. Stovall, E. W. Wilkerson, R. Amis,	$125 00	$ 2 50	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 11 26	$.....	$ 13 76	6	6	2	4	..	1	134
Antioch,	J. M. Burton,* J. W. Denny, J. Yancey,	.....	1 50	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	7 50	..	2	..	..	..	1	41
Bethel,	S. Crutchfield, R. Woody, S. C. Humphries,	100 00	2 00	2 75	2 75	.....	.....	.....	7 50	1	8	..	..	1	1	130
Concord,	S. W. Walker, J. L. Vaughn, E. C. Coley,*	150 00	2 00	7 50	18 50	5 50	10 85	.....	44 35	..	..	..	4	1	2	83
Corinth,	J. T. Howell,* G. W. Averett, Sim Tippett,	.....	1 50	1 78	1 76	1 76	6 75	16 50	30 05	4	5	..	6	..	..	106
Enon,	F. Knott, S. C. Hobgood, R. T. Elam,	400 00	2 00	5 00	56 84	5 25	6 75	.....	75 84	5	9	..	1	..	2	54
Fellowship	D. R. Weathers,* T. J. Bailey,* G. T. Peace,*	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	10	2	..	..	..	1	91
Flat River Union,	Thos. Green, J. F. Green, R. F. Peed,	.....	2 00	.....	14 30	.....	1 00	.....	17 30	..	1	..	1	1	1	94
Grassy Creek,	G. W. Pittard, J. G. Pittard, E. J. Ragsdale,	.....	2 00	7 00	16 50	7 37	18 90	.....	51 77	19	6	..	15	3	2	248
Hester's,	H. T. Knott, W. J. Royster, R. F. Knott,	200 00	2 00	5 85	19 15	6 25	15 50	.....	48 75	15	5	1	9	2	1	121
Island Creek,	J. G. Morgan, R. W. Murray, P. B. Sneed,	150 00	3 00	11 76	13 30	.. ..	24 02	.....	52 08	2	6	..	..	2	..	96
Mill Creek,	J. H. Gentry, E. D. Jones, T. J. Montague,	.....	3 00	.....	5 33	.. ..	9 00	.....	17 33	13	1	1	12	3	2	186
Mountain Creek,	W. Eaks, Jas. Elliott, W. S. Eaks,	.....	3 00	10 12	24 12	.. ..	30 10	.. ..	67 35	3	2	..	6	2	3	229
Mt. Zion,	B. D. Howard, J. J. Meadows, Lu. O'Brian,	.....	2 80	16 00	40 80	4 00	16 55	4 00	84 15	25	1	..	5	5	5	164
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague, B. C. Sweeny, R. J. Davis,	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3	..	..	4	3	1	38
New Light,	D. Peed,* J. A. J. Penny,* W. J. Ward,	100 00	2 00	.. ..	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	2 00	2	1	..	5	4	2	..
North Fork,	W. H. Wilburn, W. P. Wilkins, M. H. Hester,	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105
Oxford,	T. T. Grandy,* N. B. Cannady, E. C. Montague,	450 00	1 50	21 02	65 38	31 50	20 30	9 26	.....	6	5	..	6	1	..	71
Olive Branch,	W. W. Hill, W. O. West, C. P. Sandford,	.....	2 00	4 33	4 34	4 33	.....	.....	15 00	..	2	..	2	..	..	135
Pleasant Grove,	Wiley Rogers, W. J. Rogers, J. B. Knight,	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	3 45	.....	4 95	..	..	..	..	..	1	38
Poplar Creek,	J. E. Callis,* S. O. Wilson, M. N. Parrish,*	.....	2 00	1 91	1 90	1 90	12 75	.....	20 46	1	1	..	1	..	2	105
Sandy Level,	W. E. Glenn, W. D. Markham,	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	4	8	1	2	..	1	35
Tabb's Creek,	A. C. Parham, Alex. Dement,* E. T. Parham,	.....	1 00	4 75	4 75	.....	.....	.....	10 50	..	..	..	..	..	2	34
Tally Ho,	S. H. Carey,* J. P. Harris,* W. H. Daniel,*	100 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	5 50	.....	7 00	..	2	..	..	1	1	84
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PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	R. Amis	New Hope Mills	1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Antioch			J. L. Timberlake	Long's X Roads	
Bethel	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	1st " " " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	G. Vaughn	Dutchville	2d " " " "
Corinth	J. S. Purefoy	W. F. College	Sim Tippett	Oxford	4th " " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	B. F. Hester	Oxford	4th " " " " and 3d Sab.
Fellowship	W. A. Barrett		T. H. Perry	Dutchville	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. H. Peed	Knap of Reeds	3d " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Young's X Roads	B F. Winston	Young's X Roads	4th " " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	Lawson Knott	Oxford	2d " " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley		J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro	2d " " " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	T. J. Montague	Bethel Hill	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin	Young's X Roads	P. Blackwell	Oak Hill	3d " " " " and 1st Sab.
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson	J. N. Day	Berea	1st " " " "
Mt. Harmony	E. J. Montague	Roxboro	H. C. Sweeny	Mt. Tirzah	2d " " " "
New Light	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton	J. W. Atkinson	New Light	2d " " " "
North Fork	E. J. Montague	Roxboro	J. W. Morris		4th " " " "
Oxford	F. R. Underwood	Oxford	W. S. Grandy	Oxford	1st and 3d Sabbaths.
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	W. T. Humphries	Mill Creek	3d Sab. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	W. A. Barrett	Franklinton	J. W Fuller	Wilton	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	F. R. Underwood	Oxford	G. W. Wright	Henderson	4th " " " "
Sandy Level	Jesse Howell	Green Level	S. D. Markham	Durham	1st " " " "
Tabb's Creek	W. A. Barrett		W. A. Parham	Oxford	3d " " " "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	W. T. Hunt	Tally Ho	1st " " " "

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Religious Papers Taken.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Amis' Chapel		21	....	4	30
Antioch					
Corinth	James M. Howell, L. Hobgood		2	5	60
Enon	F. Knott		1	6	50
Grassy Creek	J. G. Pittard, G. N. Pittard, E. J. Ragsdale		3	12	147
Hester's	H. T. Knott		1	5	86
Island Creek	J. G. Morgan	Biblical Recorder, 14. Kind Words, 10	....	25	150
Mountain Creek					
Mt. Zion	E. Hawkins Jones				
North Fork					65
Oxford	T. T. Grandy, E. C. Montague	Kind Words, 25	2	15	122
Poplar Creek	G. W. Wright	Kind Words, 12	....	6	71
			9	78	781

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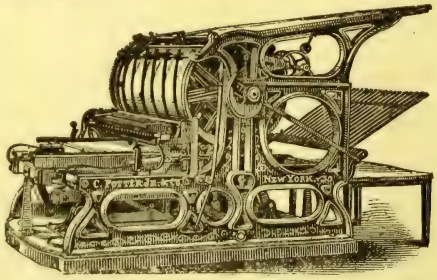

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PROCEEDINGS.

MILL CREEK, Person Co., N. C.,
Tuesday, August 14th, 1877.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its Eighty-fourth Session, met with the church at this place to-day.

Elder J. A. Stradley preached the Introductory Sermon from 2nd Timothy, 1 : 13.

After intermission for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder F. R. Underwood. Prayer by Bro. W. W. Humphries.

Letters from the churches were read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder F. R. Underwood, Moderator; R. Amis, Clerk; and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us—accepted by Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder;* Elder R. H. Griffith, of South Yadkin Association, and Agent Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Elder J. B. Richardson, Agent Baptist State Convention; Elder J. S. Purefoy, of Central Association, Agent for Endowment of Wake Forest College; Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest College; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, President of Raleigh Female Seminary; and Elder J. K. Faulkner, of Dan River Association, Va., Assistant Agent for Endowment of Wake Forest College.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

State Missions—Elder J. A. Stradley, and Brethren W. H. Smith and J. R. Walters.

Foreign Misssions—Elder J. K. Faulkner, and Brethren W. D. Brooks and S. O. Wilson.

Education—Elder E. J. Montague, and Brethren W. W. Humphries and Wm. Biggs.

Periodicals—Elder R. H. Marsh, and Brethren John W. Pittard and J. G. Morgan.

Sabbath Schools—(Appointed last year)—Elder J. A. Stradley, and Brethren T. T. Grandy and B. F. Hester.

Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer—Elder J. S. Purefoy, and Brethren J. J. Meadows and W. C. Veazey.

Temperance—Elder R. I. Devin, and Brethren P. Blackwell and G. W. Pittard.

Home Missions—Elder J. J. Lansdell, and Brethren W. H. Wilbourn and E. C. Montague.

Systematic Beneficence—Brethren A. C. Parham, D. Peed and J. R. Berry.

Time, Place and Preachers for Next Session—Brethren D. A. Hunt, E. Winston and R. J. Davis.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M., to-merrow.
Prayer by Bro. E. Winston.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. A. C. Parham.

Roll of delegates called and minutes of yesterday's proceedings read.

On motion, the invitation extended by the Pastor of the M. E. Church, at Roxboro', offering the use of church building for religious services, was accepted.

On motion, Elder Griffith was permitted to address the Association on the claims of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The following report on Periodicals was offered:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, has for over forty years ably and faithfully "contended for the faith once delivered to the saints."

Under its present management, your committee is of opinion that it ranks among the very best representatives of Baptist faith and practice. It is a sound, vigorous, faithful and able defender and promoter of our denominational interests. As such—under God—it is a powerful instrumentality, if not necessity, in the maintenance and prosecution of all our church matters. Every Baptist family needs the *Recorder*, and every Baptist who aims at a high degree of influence and usefulness, must have it. We are sorry to know that it is not more generally read among our churches, and we recommend that the pastors exert themselves to the full extent of their ability to put it in every family connected with our churches, and that they give their personal attention in securing a full report in the annual church letters of its circulation in the fields of their labor.

We also commend *Kind Words*, edited by Elder S Boykin, and published at Macon, Ga., for the children and Sunday Schools; and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., for the dissemination of missionary information and interest.

R. H. MARSH,
JOHN W. PITTARD,
J. G. MORGAN,
Committee.

After being discussed by Elder Bailey and Bro. W. W. Humphries, further discussion was suspended till the afternoon, to allow time for the Conventional Sermon, which was preached by Elder F. R. Underwood, from 1st Cor. 1 : 23-24.

Intermission for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled. Prayer by Elder E. J. Montague.

Bro. S. H. Broocks, of Concord Association, Va., and Eld. John B. Turpin, of Dan River Association, Va., were invited to participate in our deliberations.

The report on Periodicals was further discussed by Elders Devin and Marsh, after which it was adopted.

A letter of dismission from the Beulah Association was presented by delegates from the Providence Baptist Church, and,

On motion, the church was accepted as a member of this Association.

Right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

The following report was offered on

EDUCATION.

In view of the renewed interest, generally manifested throughout the State, on the important subject of Education, your Committee can but reiterate the admonitions and advice of its predecessors on the same subject and impress upon the Association the vital necessity of a staunch support being extended our educational institutions.

If we would keep pace with the times and continue in the lead of other christian bodies, we must jealously guard, and liberally sustain our church schools and colleges. It is a sacred duty we owe our children to give them a sound, general, as well as Bible education, and the Association, in its representative capacity, should at every proper season encourage the performance of this duty.

The Committee is proud in being able to state that we have within our own Associational limits, and in the State, a number of first class schools, for both sexes, worthy of a generous patronage, and we heartily commend them to your consideration, viz: Thomas J. Horner, at Henderson; Mrs. M. A. Stradley, at Oxford; F. P. Hobgood, at Raleigh.

Information from Wake Forest College enables your Committee to report a satisfactory state of affairs.

The number of pupils is gradually increasing, and the endowment fund has now reached the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars.

But much remains yet to be done towards placing it in a still higher

sphere of usefulness, and your Committee would respectfully urge upon the Association the necessity of further aiding in extending its field of labor.

E. J. MONTAGUE,
W. W. HUMPHRIES,
WM. BIGGS,
Committee.

After full discussion by Prof. Mills, Elders Lansdell, Turpin, Griffith, Stradley and Marsh, the report was adopted.

A collection for Ministerial Education resulted in raising cash $30, and subscriptions $20.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Elder Faulkner.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Opened with prayer by Elder J. S. Purefoy.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read.

On motion, speeches on all questions are limited to five minutes.

A Form for Annual Reports was offered by Elder Marsh, and adopted. (See page 12.)

Elder J. A. Stradley read the following report on

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

There has been a meeting of our "Sabbath School Institute" held on each 5th Sabbath and Saturday before during the associational year, except in December, which was prevented by inclement weather. These meetings have been largely attended, and have, we think, awakened a deeper interest in Sabbath School singing and Sabbath School work generally than has ever been felt before in our bounds. We think the Sabbath School Statistics of the present session of this body, when published, will show an encouraging increase of work in this department of christian labor.

We are sorry that several of our churches are still doing nothing in this good work. Others, while doing something, are not manifesting that zeal which the importance of the work demands.

Several of the schools have adopted the "Little Leader" plan of raising funds for Sabbath School and Missionary purposes. We believe all that have tried this plan are pleased with it.

We recommend the continuation of our S. S. Institute, and consequently the appointment of a Committee to arrange for its meetings.

J. A. STRADLEY,
T. T. GRANDY,
B. F. HESTER,
Committee.

After full discussion by Elders Purefoy and Bailey, and Brethren Biggs, J. J. Meadows and S. O. Wilson, and Elders Devin and Stradley, and Brethren J. D. Parham and W. H. Smith, the report was adopted.

On motion, Elder R. H. Marsh, and Brethren A. C. Parham and Wm. Biggs were appointed as a Committee to conduct Sabbath School Institutes, and report on Sabbath Schools at next session of Association.

The following was offered on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee, appointed on yesterday, to report on Foreign Missions, beg leave to present instead the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, marked by signal dealings with our Missionaries abroad, we have mingled feelings of humility and gratitude: *And whereas*, We learn from the ample and full report of the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, made at its last session, that there is considerable falling off in contributions to the Board; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we urge upon the churches and, through them, upon the individual members to devise liberal things for our common Zion, and with the deep conviction that the work is one.

2. *Resolved*, That the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention receive a full share of our sympathy, prayers and contributions.

We call special attention to the fact that there are three of the Missionaries of the Board from China, viz: Brother and Sister Simmons, and Miss Lottie Moore, now in this country ready and anxious to return to their fields of labor so soon as the finances of the Board will justify.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. FAULKNER,
W. D. BROOKES,
S. O. WILSON,
Committee.

After discussion by Elders Faulkner and Richardson the report was adopted.

Elder J. A. Stradley read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is impossible to tell the vast amount of good that has been done in this department of christian effort. Societies, Boards or Committees to carry on this work have been in existence in our State ever since 1805. At that date there were not more that 150 churches, 105 ministers and 10,000 members. Now we have in the State 1,442 churches, 775 ministers and near 137,000 members. We can point to every place in the State, where our principles are firmly rooted, as evidence of the success of this work.

At present the State Board has only five missionaries laboring in Rockingham, Polkton, Gastonia, Dallas, Statesville, Salisbury and Morganton, with their surrounding country; also one in Tyrrell county, while there are as many more in the employ of Associations. In our mission field four churches have been constituted this year.

While much has been done, much remains yet to do. Near 600,000 of the people of our State are yet unconverted, and not less than ninety centers of great influence are now calling for the gospel. We are well able to possess the State for Christ.

Last year we fell short over $100.00 in our contributions to this work. This year we have given more than last; yet our Association is behind her former contributions. In view of the bountiful harvests of this year ought we not to increase our contributions? We are sorry that two or three of our churches are doing nothing at all for this or any of our benevolent enterprises.

There are important points enough in the bounds of our own Association, destitute of Baptist preaching, to employ all the time of a preacher. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the State Mission Board in regard to supplying this destitution.

J. A. STRADLEY,
W. H. SMITH,
J. R. WALTERS,
Committee.

The above report was very thoroughly discussed by Elders Richardson, Stradley, Devin and Bailey, and Brother S. L. Howard, and adopted.

Report of Aid Committee for the

ENDOWMENT OF WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

Your Committee held a meeting in Oxford in August of last year. They pledged their co-operation with Elder Jas. S. Purefoy as agent, and have, as far as practicable, aided him in the work. We advised taking subscriptions in three installments, the first of which is now due and is now being paid in. The amount to be raised by this Association is $7,000. The agent reports in subscriptions the amount of $7,400—but as there are always some losses in subscriptions we recommend that the amount be largely increased by the churches which are yet to be canvassed. Your committee are much gratified at the success of the work and would urge its prosecution to completion.

JOHN G. MORGAN,
J. J. MEADOWS,
A. C. PARHAM,
Committee.

After remarks by Elder Purefoy, the above report was adopted.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed as a Committee to aid in procuring money and subscriptions for the Endowment of Wake Forest College, and report at the next session of this Association :

Endowment Committee—B. F. Hester, John G. Morgan, J. J. Meadows, G. W. Watkins, A. C. Parham, N. C. Lyon and Thomas H. Street.

DESTITUTION.

On motion, Elder J. A. Stradley, and Brethren N. C. Lyon

and John G. Morgan were appointed to confer with the State Mission Board on the destitution in this Association, and report at next session.

The following report was offered on

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a Christian virtue that ought to be assiduously cultivated. Temperance has been defined "the moderate use of things useful, and total abstinence from things hurtful." The Bible requires every one to be temperate in all things.

Your attention is especially called to the use of intoxicating drinks, the use of which as a beverage, according to the definition given, is intemperance. Drunkenness is a great and crying evil in our land, so terribly ruinous to all the dearest interests of man for time and eternity that all lovers of God and all friends of humanity should rise in their might and put forth vigorous efforts to stop its progress of desolation and death. It is so hurtful to religion, so destructive to property and so ruinous to character, bringing countless sufferings on the human race, that it would seem apparent to every reflecting mind that it is the imperative duty of all, and especially all christians, to abstain entirely from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Your Committee would respectfully urge upon the churches composing this body to make every effort in their power to prevent the making, buying, selling, or using of all alcoholic and intoxicating beverages.

Respectfully submitted,

R. I. DEVIN,
P. BLACKWELL,
G. W. PITTARD,
Committee.

After a lengthy and interesting discussion by Elders Richardson, Purefoy, Devin, Stradley, Faulkner and E. J. Montague, and Brethren J. J. Meadows, A. C. Parham, C. F. Humphries, Biggs, J. D. Parham, S. L. Howard, and W. W. Humphries, the foregoing report on Temperance was adopted.

After remarks by Brother A. C. Parham and Elder Purefoy, the following was adopted:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

There is but one plan mentioned in the Scriptures by which money was raised. In 1 Cor. 16:2, Paul says: "Upon the first day of the week let *every one of you* lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Here is a system given, first at stated times; second, as God prospers us; and third, *every one* is to give. Our churches should obey this command the same as any other. And any member, male or female, whom the Lord prospers in any way, who will not give of his means to support the gospel in his own church, or abroad, is not only failing in his christian duty, but should forfeit his or her membership.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PARHAM,
D. PEED,
JAS. R. BERRY,
Committee.

The following report on Time, Place and Preachers for the next Association was read and adopted :

Your Committee on Time aud Place for the next Association, report Island Creek the place, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1878, the time, to meet 11 o'clock a. m., and appoint Rev. R. H. Marsh to preach the Introductory Sermon. Respectfully submitted,

E. WINSTON,
D. A. HUNT,
W. DAVIS,
Committee.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

The following was read, and after remarks by Elder Stradley, was adopted :

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER.

Every church should hold weekly prayer meetings. Piety and efficiency would be promoted thereby. Each member should punctually attend these meetings and take part in them as circumstances and ability would indicate. In order to make them interesting the exercises should be prompt, short and pointed. Long songs, long prayers and long exhortations should be avoided; but as many as possible should be induced to speak a word of exhortation or lead in prayer. A great point to be sought for should be the glory of God and the spiritual advantage of each other.

We do not see how christian parents can properly regard themselves as christians at all without bringing their families together and invoking the blessing of their Heavenly Father upon them daily. We think there is no duty more neglected than family prayer. The heathen have their daily worship of idols, and it is a shame to christians that so many of them have no altar of prayer. As with the men of Ninevah whom Christ said would rise up in the judgment and condemn the people of that generation, may it not be that the devout heathen with all their darkness will rise up in the judgment with many of the professed christians of our day and condemn them because they have never had in their houses an altar of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. PUREFOY,
J. J. MEADOWS,
M. W. B. VEAZEY,
Committee.

The following was read and adopted :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department is under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention, of which we are an integral part. Its province is to aid feeble churches and establish others where there are none. Its work is mostly in towns and cities, as centers of influence.

North Carolina has shared, in no small degree, the benefits of this work. The churches in most of our large towns, in their early struggles, received assistance from this department.

Indian Missions are now under the care of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The progress of the work among them is encouraging for the amount done.

It is earnestly recommended that the churches contribute as they have ability to this work.

J. J. LANSDELL,
W. H. WILBOURN,
E. C. MONTAGUE,
Committee.

Delegates to the State Convention to represent this Association: Brethren John G. Morgan, Thos. H. Street and A. C. Parham.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer by Elder Turpin.

F. R. UNDERWOOD, MODERATOR.

R. AMIS, *Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

———————— BAPTIST CHURCH.

[Date]———————— 187 .

To the Flat River Association:

Name of Pastor,.....
P. O. of Pastor,.....
Name of Clerk,.....
Clerk's P. O.,.....
Time of Meeting,.....
Names of Delegates,.....

Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Restored.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday Schools.	Minute Funds.	Other Contributions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.

Religious Periodicals:

Copies of Biblical Recorder, ...
Name and number of other papers, ...
Prayer Meetings, [how often?] .....
Famlies holding prayers, ...
Number of habitual dram drinkers, ...
Quantity of spirits made or sold .....
Collections, [how made and how often] .....

SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

Number of . . .
Name of Supt. ....
Teachers, ...
Average Attendance, ...

Kind Words [number of,] .....
Other Papers, [names and No.] . . .
Volumes in Library, ...
Contributions, ...

REMARKS:

Signed by order of Church,

———————— C. C.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2ND. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches; and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3RD. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2nd. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3rd. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Education.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Total.	Baptized.	Ree'd by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Amis' Chapel...	R. Amis, K. C. Allen, *J. H. Chandler,.....	$125 00	$ 2 00	$ 8 12	$ 9 00	$ 5 60	.....	....	$ 24 72	22	2	..	1	..	1	152
Antioch	J. R. Berry, *G. R. Satterfield, J. S. Timberlake	.....	1 50	3 75	3 75	.....	.....	.....	9 00	8	6	..	2	..	..	53
Bethel.....	Wm. H. Lawson, B. F. Gentry, Monroe Woody.	.....	2 00	1 05	.....	... ..	.....	.....	3 05	20	1	.	5	2	3	141
Concord.....	*Calvin Waller, N. C. Lyon, *E. H. Veazey,...	150 00	2 00	7 25	16 25	3 25	11 50	4 40	44 65	14	..	1	2	1	1	93
Corinth...	*Simon Tippett, J. W. Pittard. *W. H. Hobgood	... ...	1 50	3 70	.....	.. ...	.....	8 50	13 70	4	2	..	6	2	..	98
Enon'.....	W. H. Smith, J. F. Currin, J. M. Phillips.....	400 00	1 50	26 50	5 20	.....	.....	. ....	33 20	16	3	..	1	..	..	72
Fellowship	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	...	..	..	..
Flat River Union	M. W. B. Veazey, R. F. Peed, Wm. Bolin, ...	150 00	2 00	6 25	6 50	.. ..	....	.....	14 75	8	2	1	3	..	1	101
Grassy Creek ...	A. P. Harris, G. W. Pittard, W. G. Pittard.....	.....	2 00	8 00	13 65	.....	3 40	10 50	37 55	2	5	..	2	3	5	245
Hester's.....	R. D. Brooks, Thos. G. Dean, W. J. Royster.....	200 00	2 22	16 16	9 34	22 70	9 00	... ..	59 42	17	2	1	10	..	..	134
Island Creek....	J. G. Morgan, W. T. Bowden, D. L. Woody.....	150 00	3 00	14 10	15 15	... ..	.....	.....	32 25	13	..	..	2	..	..	107
Mill Creek.....	B. B. Link, G. Wrenn. J. H. Gentry,.....	... ...	3 00	.....	5 80	... .	5 35	.....	14 15	...	2	..	3	4	2	129
Mountain Creek.	P. Blackwell, W. H. Wilkerson, J. S. Eakes...	250 00	2 00	11 62	11 63	.....	.....	1 79	27 04	33	1	4	6	2	1	257
Mt. Zion.....	S. L. Howard, J. J. Meadows, S. O'Briant	.....	2 60	12 00	34 62	1 25	8 02	.....	58 49	15	7	..	2	6	1	184
Mt. Harmony...	R. G. Davis, H. C. Sweaney, C. Hester..... ...	.....	1 20	.....	3 50	.....	3 50	.....	.....	...	4	..	..	..	2	40
New Light.....	D. Peed, J. T. Glenn.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	6	..	4	2	1	....
North Fork.. .	W. H. Wilbourn, H. H. Hester, J. N. Thomas...	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	1	..	1	1	2	121
Oxford	D. A. Hunt. Wm. Biggs, E. C. Montague	500 00	1 50	24 05	33 45	26 07	.. ..	7 00	. .....	19	1	..	4	..	3	84
Olive Branch,...	W. W. Humphries, C F Humphries, J C Rogers,	100 00	2 00	... ..	.....	.....	2 00	. ....	4 00	12	..	..	5	..	1	138
Pleasant Grove.	E. Winston, Wm. Rogers, ...	.....	1 00	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	...	..	..	..	..	3	34
Poplar Creek....	J. D. Parham, W. N. Critcher, S. O. Wilson.....	.....	2 00	6 00	.....	2 50	2 00	.....	12 50	...	1	..	2	..	2	102
Providence.....	J. W. Buchanan, Rob't White, D. Gravitt.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	...	..	..	..	..	..	31
Tabb's Creek...	W. A. Parham, A. W. Parham, W. S. Dean.....	.....	1 00	.. ..	7 25	....	7 50	.....	15 75	...	..	..	.	1	1	31
Tally Ho.....	J. R. Walters, J. P. Harris, W. D. Thomason...	100 00	2 00	.....	4 52	.....	4 52	.....	11 04	35	4	..	6	..	2	116
	*Absent.		$43 72	148 55	179 61	$61 37	$56 79	$32 19	$427 26	274	60	7	66	25	32	2496

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	R. Amis,	New Hope Mills,	1st Sab. and Sat. before
Antioch,	J. H. Vernon,	Cedar Grove,	J. L. Timberlake	Long's X Roads,	3rd " " " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	S. C. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,	1st " " " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	Sam'l Clark,	Dutchville,	2nd " " " "
Corinth,	F. R. Underwood	Oxford,	Sim. Tippett,	Oxford,	2nd " " " "
Enon,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	B. F. Hester,	Oxford,	4th " " " " and 3d Sab.
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	C. A. Peed,	Knap of Reeds,	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's ⨯ Roads,	B. T. Winston,	Young's ⨯ Roads,	4th " " " "
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	L. Knott,	Oxford,	2nd " " " "
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro',	3rd " " " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	T. J. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's ⨯ Roads,	P. Blackwell,	Oak Hill,	3rd " " " " and 1st Sab.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	I. N. Day,	Berea,	1st " " " "
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,	H. C. Sweaney,	Mt. Tirzah,	2nd " " " "
New Light,	Thomas Young,		J. W. Atkinson,	New Light,	2nd " " " "
North Fork,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,	W. P. Wilkins,	Red Bank, Va.,	4th " " " "
Oxford,	F. R. Underwood	Oxford,	W. S. Grandy,	Oxford,	1st and 3rd Sabbaths.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	W. T. Humphries	Mill Creek,	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,	J. W. Fuller,	Wilton,	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek,	F. R. Underwood	Oxford,	G. W. Wright,	Henderson,	4th " " " "
Providence,	J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro,	W. Buchanan,	Roxboro,	
Tabb's Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's ⨯ Roads,	W. A. Parham,	Oxford,	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Tally Ho,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	W. T. Hunt,	Tally Ho,	1st " " " "

SABBATH-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	NO. RELIGIOUS PAPERS.	No. Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Amis' Chapel.	R. Amis	13 K'd W'ds, 5 Recorder,	1	6	60
Antioch					
Bethel			2		65
Concord	A. M. Veazey	10 K'd W'ds, 8 Recorder,	1	6	45
Corinth	L. Hobgood		1	4	40
Enon	W. H. Smith		1	6	
Grassy Creek	J. G. Pittard		1	8	78
Hester's	H. F. Knott		1	5	60
Island Creek			3	16	120
Mill Creek			1		25
Mountain Creek	J. S. Hobgood	10 Record'r 11 K'd W'ds.	1	5	62
Mt. Zion	B. D. Howard				75
Oxford	T. T. Grandy	30 Kind Words	1	10	114
Olive Branch	C. F. Humphries		1	5	23
Poplar Creek	J. E. Callis	13 Kind Words	1	7	60
Tabb's Creek			1		30
Tally Ho			1	5	30
			18	83	887

The following miscellaneous items are taken from the Church Letters :

Concord paid $193 to Wake Forest College, and $8 for general objects of Sabbath School.

Corinth paid $5 to aid Winston Church.

Enon paid $30 to Theological Seminary, and $15 incidental expenses.

Flat River Union pledged $500 to Wake Forest endowment.

Mill Creek paid orphans $9.75.

Mountain Creek took one scholarship in Wake Forest College.

Oxford Church,—incidental expenses $58.66; Little Leaders raised $46; collected in Sabbath School $25.67: has a branch Sabbath School at Oak Grove, 25 scholars, 3 teachers, paid $2 to Foreign Missions.

Olive Branch paid to orphans $15.

Tally Ho sent $10 to Treasurer of State Convention in addition to amount in table.

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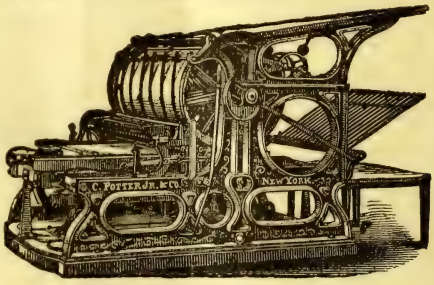

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER

Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT

ISLAND CREEK,

GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

August 6th, 7th and 8th, 1878.

MODERATOR,.....W. D. HORNER.
CLERK,.....R. AMIS.
TREASURER, ...A. C. PARHAM.

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PROCEEDINGS.

ISLAND CREEK, GRANVILLE COUNTY,
Tuesday, August 6th, 1878.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its eighty-fifth session, met with the church at this place to-day.

Dr. W. M. Wingate preached the Introductory Sermon from Luke 14th chapter and 23d verse.

After an intermission for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder F. R. Underwood. Prayer by Elder J. A. Stradley.

On motion, Bro. N. B. Cannady was appointed Reading Clerk.

Letters from the churches were read and the names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Bro. W. D. Horner, Moderator, R. Amis, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

Henderson Baptist Church presented a letter of dismission from the Tar River Association, and on motion, the church was received as a member of this Association.

On motion, the former Moderator, Elder F. R. Underwood, extended to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

On account of a report that some of the members of Henderson church were engaged in selling ardent spirits, a motion was made to reconsider the reception of the church, but after satisfactory explanations by the pastor and members present, the motion was laid upon the table.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Accepted by Dr. W. M. Wingate, Messenger of Central Association, and President of Wake Forest College; Bro. N. B. Broughton, Editor *Biblical Recorder;* Elder John K. Faulkner, Messenger of Dan River Association, Va.; Rev. E. L. Baptist, from Concord Association, Va.; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, President of Raleigh Female Seminary; Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest College, and Agent Board of Education; Elder J. S. Purefoy, Messenger of Central Association and Agent for the Endowment of Wake Forest College, and Dr. T. H. Pritchard, of Central Association and Agent for State and Foreign Missions.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of this church.
State Missions.—Prof. F. P. Hobgood, and brethren B. D. Howard and Legan Hobgood.
Foreign Missions.—Elder F. R. Underwood, and brethren H. H. Barnes and W. A. Parham.
Education.—Prof. L. R. Mills, and brethren F. Knott and Thomas Daniel.
Periodicals.—Elder J. A. Stradley, and brethren J. P. Beck and H. C. Sweeney.
Sabbath Schools.—(Appointed last year.) Elder R. H. Marsh, and brethren William Biggs and A. C. Parham.
Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer.—Elder J. S. Purefoy, and brethren R. S. Barnett and James G. Norwood.
Temperance.—Brethren J. K. Wood, John N. Thomas and S. W. Waller.
Home Missions.—Brethren C. B. Knott, John P. Cannady and J. G. Pittard.
Systematic Beneficence.—Brethren N. B. Cannady, A. C. Parham and Lawson Knott.
Time, Place and Preachers for next Session.—Brethren James H. Chandler, R. A. Lyon and N. B. Cannady.

On motion, the Treasurer was allowed $2.25 to pay for Record Book.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 7th, 1878.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. A. C. Parham.

Roll of delegates called and minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Letter from Mill Creek read and delegates enrolled. No letter from Pleasant Grove or Providence.

The following report was offered on Education:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In accordance with a resolution of the Baptist State Convention at its last session in Durham, the Trustees of the College have made provisions for an English and Bible Course for the young ministers who can not remain at College more than two years. The object of this Course is to give our young ministers a good English Education and a short sketch of the Bible and its doctrines.

The Board of Education has under its charge thirteen young ministers. The Board is free from debt.

We would most earnestly urge our brethren and sisters to use their utmost endeavors to educate their children, and we recommendto them

Raleigh Female Seminary, Mrs. Stradley's School in Oxford, Rev. T. J. & W. D. Horner's School in Henderson, and A. W. Parham's at Hester's Church.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. MILLS,
FIELDING KNOTT,
THOS. DANIEL,
Committee.

After discussion by Prof. L. R. Mills, Bro. Wm. Biggs, Elder R. H. Marsh, Dr. W. M. Wingate, Brethren N. B. Broughton and A. C. Parham, Elders R. I. Devin, J. E. Montague, J. S. Purefoy and Dr. Thos. H. Pritchard, the report was adopted.

Intermission for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled. Prayer by Bro. Samuel L. Howard.

On motion, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

The following is the report on Periodicals:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals submit the following:

Resolved 1*st.* That the *Biblical Recorder* is an excellent family and religious newspaper, well worthy of a place in all our families.

Resolved 2*d.* That it is the duty of every Baptist man and woman in our bounds to do all they can to have this paper taken and read by as many families as possible.

Resolved 3*d*, That in no other way can so much be done, for so little money, to increase knowledge, piety and usefulness among us.

Resolved 4*th.* That *Kind Words* is an excellent Sabbath School paper, and will richly repay all Sabbath School teachers and scholars for the small amount it costs.

J. A. STRADLEY,
H. C. SWEENEY,
Committee.

Was read and adopted, after discussion by Brethren N. B. Broughton, Wm. Biggs, S. L. Howard and J. J. Meadows, Elders J. A. Stradley, R. I. Devin, F. R. Underwood and Dr. W. M. Wingate.

The following is the report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Bible authority for Foreign Missions is positive and explicit. The "thus saith the Lord," which Baptists are so careful to demand, can be

produced. It is found in the command given by Christ to his Disciples: "Go ye, therefore, and *teach all nations* * * teaching *them* to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded *you*." It is found in the command given by the Lord to the Apostle Paul: "Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles." The same Apostle tells us that "there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek;" that they are all under sin, and that "the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." But "how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

God has shown his approval of the modern missionary enterprise by the signal success which he has granted unto it. To quote an extract from the last number of the *Biblical Recorder:* "It is now only about three quarters of a century since the beginning of Protestant missions to the heathen—hardly a longer time than elapsed between the day of Pentecost and the writing of the last book of the New Testament. These missions have been as successful as the missions of the Apostles. So far as we can judge, as many have been converted in heathen lands by modern missionaries, as were converted under apostolic preaching."

There are two great needs of the foreign field—men and money. There are now ten Missionaries from our Southern Zion laboring in the vast empire of China, brethren Yates, Crawford, Holmes and Graves, with their wives, Miss Moon and Miss Whilden; while five, brethren Hartwell and Williams, with their wives, and another Miss Moon, are in this country, anxious to return to their work, and will do so as soon as the Board are able to send them, and the health of their families will allow it. Truly, "the harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." But we cannot consistently pray for more laborers until we are liberal enough in our contributions to support those whom the Lord has sent. Our prayers and our alms should go up together.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
H. H. BARNES,
W. A. PARHAM,
Committee.

The above was discussed at some length by Elders T. J. Horner, F. R. Underwood and Dr. W. M. Wingate, but on account of the absence of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, further discussion was postponed till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

After discussion by Brethren N. B. Broughton, A. C. Parham, H. C. Sweeney, and Dr. W. M. Wingate, Elders J. A. Stradley, R. I. Devin, and Bro. B. D. Howard, the report on Sabbath Schools was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

There has been a meeting of the "Sabbath School Institute" on each 5th Sabbath and Saturday before during the Associational year, except in December, which was held only on Saturday on account of bad weather. These Institutes have been held at Concord, Mt. Zion, Fellowship and Antioch, and have been largely attended. We think at least three new schools were organized through its instrumentality, and many

others greatly encouraged and strengthened. We know of only two churches in the Association without a Sabbath School. The work seems to be going forward with increased zeal and efficiency. The music at the Institutes, and in many of the churches, has been really splendid. We find but few schools have adopted the "International Lessons," and we would suggest to all the propriety of considering that method of Bible study. We would also commend some plan—any plan—of cultivating the missionary spirit among the schools. Good singing, a well conducted recitation, and systematic giving, constitute the life and power of a Sunday School.

Respectfully,

WM. BIGGS,
R. H. MARSH,
A. C. PARHAM,
Committee.

On motion, the committee consisting of Elder F. R. Underwood and brethren A. C. Parham and B. D. Howard, were appointed to conduct Sabbath School Institutes, and report at the next session of the Association.

The following report was offered on Systematic Beneficence:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

"Upon the first day of the week let *every one of you* lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." I Cor. 16 : 2.

The system given by the Apostle seems to be: 1st. We are to give at stated times. 2d. All are to give. 3d. We are to give as God hath prospered us

The above is the Bible plan, and we do not see that any christian has the right to fail to follow it.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. CANNADY,
A. C. PARHAM,
LAWSON KNOTT,
Committee.

After discussion by Elders J. A. Stradley, F. R. Underwood, T. J. Horner, and brethren J. N. Thomas and N. B. Broughton, Prof. L. R. Mills and Elders J. K. Faulkner and J. S. Purefoy, the report was adopted.

The following on Time, Place and Preachers for next session was read and adopted:

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHERS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION, 1879.

Your Committee respectfully recommend Corinth Church as the place, and Tuesday after third Sunday in July, 1879, at 11 o'clock, A. M., as the time for the next session of this Association. And appoint Rev. J. E. Montague to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CHANDLER,
R. E. LYON,
N. B. CANNADY,
Committee.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 8th, 1878.

The Association was called to order and a portion of Scripture read by the Moderator, Bro. W. D. Horner. After singing, prayer by Elder J. E. Montague.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following was read and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer beg leave to report:

Cash forwarded by the Churches.

Cash forwarded for Education,		$127 47
" " " Foreign Missions,		256 03
" " " State Missions,		98 07
" " " Sunday Schools,		20 00
" " " " "		28 36
		$ 529 93

Amount received at the Association.

Cash received for contingent fund,	$ 43 73	
" " " Education,	38 97	
" " " Foreign Missions,	119 25	
" " " State Missions,	65 16	
" " " Sunday Schools,	2 25	
" " " " "	50	
		$269 86

Amount Disbursed.

Cash paid Dr. Pritchard, Agent for Treasurer of Convention, for Education,	$ 38 97	
" " Foreign Missions,	119 25	
" " State Missions,	65 16	
" " Sunday Schools,	2 25	
" " Domestic and Indian Missions,	50	
" " Edwards, Broughton & Co., for Treas'r. Book,	2 00	
" " Express on same,	25	
" " R. Amis, Clerk, contingent fund,	41 48	
		$ 269 86

Collection for Rome Chapel, $14.55.

A. C. PARHAM, *Treasurer.*

The discussion of the report on Foreign Missions was resumed, and after interesting speeches from Drs. T. H. Pritchard and Wingate, Elder J. S. Purefoy, Prof. L. R. Mills, and Bro. B. D. Howard, it was adopted. A collection was taken up for the same, amounting to $14.55.

The following report on State Missions was read and adopted, after remarks by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Elders R. H. Marsh and J. A. Stradley, Bro. H. C. Sweeney and Dr. W. M. Wingate:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In February last the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention resigned his office, and the Board of Missions has been compelled to rely on the voluntary efforts of the pastors and churches to raise funds with which to carry on the mission work of the Convention. The Committee would earnestly recommend the churches that have not already taken collections for missions to do so before the meeting of the Convention, and to forward the amounts collected to Treasurer Womble, at Raleigh.

F. P. HOBGOOD,
B. D. HOWARD,
L. HOBGOOD,
Committee.

The following is the report on Temperance:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

From the best statistics we gather, there are about one hundred thousand white Baptists in North Carolina, and their annual contribution to all objects is not, on an average, more than one dollar each. The population of this State, including both races, according to the last census, is one million. The statistics of the liquor traffic show that the people of North Carolina spend annually for its support *nine millions* of dollars, or nearly nine dollars per head. Enough money to pay the salary of every pastor of every denomination in the State; enough to clothe every orphan, educate every child, endow every college with five hundred thousand dollars each, and still have a large surplus left. As the Baptists of North Carolina share so largely in the population of the State, is it not reasonable to suppose that we contribute very much to the support of the liquor traffic—a business returning to us only misery, woe and shame, and ought we not to use every means in our power to banish this terrible curse from our land?

There is one particular to which your committee would call special attention and ask upon it the marked disapproval of this Association. It is this: The habit that some members have of frequenting and sanctioning by their presence the places where the deadly poison is dealt out. We believe such a practice to be inconsistent with true christian character and godly feeling.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. WOOD,
J. N. THOMAS,
S. W. WALLER,
Committee.

After a full discussion by Elder J. A. Stradley, brethren J. N. Thomas, Legan Hobgood, B. D. Howard, L. R. Parham, S. L. Howard, H. C. Sweeney, H. T. Knott, R. Amis, Elders F. R. Underwood, R. H. Marsh and Bro. J. K. Wood, the report was adopted.

Report on Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer was read and adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER.

Resolved 1*st*. That it is the opinion of your committee that every church should have within their bounds one or more weekly prayer meetings.

Resolved 2*d*. That in every christian family there ought to be an altar of prayer where the whole family should be called together for prayer and thanksgiving to God for his mercies.

J. S. PUREFOY,
R. S. BARNETT,
Committee.

The following on Home Missions was read and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is that department of our labor which pertains to the spread of the Gospel throughout the Southern States and among the Indians. It is in charge of the Southern Baptist Convention, and should commend itself to the sympathy and pecuniary aid of the friends of Jesus. We, therefore, commend the work to the liberality of the churches.

C. B. KNOTT,
J. G. PITTARD,
J. D. CANNADY,
Committee.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: F. M. Meadows, B. D. Howard and Lawson Knott.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer.

W. D. HORNER, *Moderator.*

R. AMIS, *Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

———————— BAPTIST CHURCH.

[Date] ———————— 187 .

To the Flat River Association :

Name of Pastor,.....
P. O. of Pastor,.....
Name of Clerk,.....
Clerk's P. O.,.....
Time of Meeting,.....
Names of Delegates,.....

Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Restored.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday Schools.	Minute Fund.	Other Contributions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	...	..	...

Religious Periodicals:

Copies of Biblical Recorder: .....
Name and number of other papers, ...
Prayer Meetings, [how often?] .....
Families holding prayers. .....
Number of habitual dram drinkers, ...
Quantity of spirits made or sold, ...
Collections, [how made and how often,] .....

SUNDAY SCHOOLS :

Number of .... Kind Words, [number of] ....
Name of Supt. .... Other Papers, [names and No.] ....
Teachers, ... Volumes in Library, ...
Average Attendance, ... Contributions, ...

REMARKS:

Signed by order of Church,

————————, C. C.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches; and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Education.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Total.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,...	J. H. Chandler, W. C. Rogers, H. Y. Allen, Jr.,..	$125 00	$ 2 00	$ 3 00	$ 6 95	$ 3 60	$6 85	.....	$22 40	2	8	..	2	..	..	56	105	161
Antioch,.....	J. W. Denny, R. T. Pittard, J. E. Yancey,.....	.....	1 50	7 00	20 18	.. ..	.....	....	28 68	...	3	..	2	..	..	19	31	50
Bethel, ...	T. D. Woody, W. D. Woody,..	100 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	2 00	...	1	..	2	1	..	35	104	139
Concord, ...	R. A. Lyon, *J. L. Vaughn, S. W. Waller, ...	150 00	2 00	5 75	15 50	5 00	.....	....	28 25	...	1	..	..	..	1	31	63	94
Corinth,.....	L. Hobgood, E. T. Pittard, *A. B. Montague,....	. . . .	1 50	2 75	4 80	.....	.....	9 00	18 05	3	..	..	1	5	3	32	65	97
Enon,.	F. Knott, T. R. Averett, J. P. Cannady,.....	.....	2 00	3 85	27 45	50 00	14 35	.....	97 65	...	6	..	3	2	..	33	37	70
Fellowship,.....	J. P. Beck, D. R. Weathers, W. F. Byrd,.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	...	..	..	..	..	..	29	59	88
Flat River Union	Thos. Green, J. F. Green, R. F. Peed,.....	150 00	2 00	4 50	6 50	4 18	.....	.....	17 18	2	..	..	..	1	1	26	65	91
Grassy Creek,...	J. G. Pittard, G. W. Royster, G. N. Pittard,.....	.....	2 23	.....	22 61	5 00	2 90	....	32 74	53	5	2	6	5	2	98	191	289
Henderson,.....	W. D. Horner, J. H. Lassiter, J. P. Thrower,...	350 00	1 50	10 50	8 00	18 50	.....	.....	38 50	13	10	..	2	1	..	23	28	52
Hester's,.....	H. T. Knott, Lawson Knott, A. W. Parham,.....	200 00	2 00	8 59	21 64	6 29	50	.....	39 02	...	1	8	12	1	..	48	83	131
Island Creek,....	D. W. Knott, C. B. Knott, H. T. Shanks,.....	150 00	2 00	7 40	34 44	7 00	....	1 00	51 84	19	3	..	5	1	1	48	72	120
Mill Creek,.....	J. Younger, James Buchanan, H. F. Link,.....	.....	3 00	.....	5 50	11 50	.....	3 00	23 00	...	1	1	8	1	1	40	80	120
Mountain Creek,	G. W. Hart, L. F. Elliott, Zachariah Eakes,.....	250 00	2 00	3 00	18 12	.....	....	1 00	24 12	5	1	..	5	4	2	89	167	256
Mt. Zion,.....	B. D. Howard, A. R. Slaughter, S. O'Brient,.....	...	3 00	.....	74 11	8 25	21 50	1 00	107 86	...	.	..	8	5	..	65	98	163
Mt. Harmony,...	E. J. Montague, H. C. Sweeney,....	.....	1 00	... ..	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1	..	..	..	..	..	11	30	41
New Light,.....	J. Z. Allen, M. Jackson, *J. H. Hutcherson,.....	101 00	2 00	... ..	.....	.....	.....	25	2 25	29	2	..	3	4	2	37	75	112
North Fork,.....	J. N. Thomas, *J. P. Wilkins, *Sam'l Pate,.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	3	3	..	1	1	1	45	80	125
Oxford,.....	R. S. Barnett, J. K. Wood, N. B. Cannady,... ...	500 00	1 50	21 00	65 91	12 00	10 40	....	110 81	6	2	..	2	1	..	42	48	90
Olive Branch,...	J. G. Norwood, E. G. Ramsey, W. T. Humphries,	100 00	2 00	.....	6 00	8 00	.....	....	16 00	3	1	..	3	..	1	38	100	138
Pleasant Grove,.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...
Poplar Creek,...	L. R. Parham, H. H. Barnes, A. J. Wright,.....	150 00	2 00	8 06	8 00	6 72	8 00	...	32 78	10	5	2	3	3	3	31	79	110
Providence,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...
Tabb's Creek,...	*C. W. Parham, A. C. Parham, W. A. Parham,..	.....	1 00	.....	3 30	....	3 30	....	7 60	...	..	..	2	..	1	8	18	26
Tally Ho,.....	Thos. Daniel, *W. L. Hunt, Fielding Harris,.....	140 00	1 50	.....	7 50	2 00	2 25	.....	13 25	...	2	..	2	2	3	44	72	116
			$43 73	$85 40	358 51	148 04	70 05	15 25	720 98	149	56	13	72	38	22	928	1750	2678

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Time of Meeting.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	R. Amis,	New Hope Mills,	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch,	J. H. Vernon,	Lemora,	J. L. Timberlake,	Long's X Roads,	3d " " " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	S. C. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,	1st " " " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	Sam'l Clark,	Dutchville,	2d " " " "
Corinth,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford,	W. H. Hobgood,	Oxford,	2d " " " "
Enon,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	J. P. Cannady,	Oxford,	4th " " " "
Fellowship,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,	T. H. Perry,	Dutchville,	1st " " " "
Flat River Union,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	C. A. Peede,	Knap of Reeds,	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X Roads,	B. T. Winston,	Young's X Roads,	4th " " " "
Henderson,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	J. H. Dunn,	Henderson,	
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	L. Knott,	Oxford,	2d " " " "
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	H. T. Shanks,	Williamsboro,	3d " " " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	T. J. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X Roads,	P. Blackwell,	Oak Hill,	3d Sab. and Sat. bef. & 1st Sab
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	I. N. Day,	Berea,	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,	H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah,	2d " " " "
New Light,	Thos. Young,		J. W. Atkinson,	New Light,	2d " " " "
North Fork,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,	W. P. Wilkins,	Red Bank, Va.,	4th " " " "
Oxford,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford,	W. S. Grandy,	Oxford,	1st Sab. and Sat. and 3d Sab.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek,	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove,					
Poplar Creek,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford,	G. W. Wright,	Henderson,	4th " " " "
Providence,					
Tabb's Creek,	W. H. Jordan,	Oxford,	W. A. Parham,	Oxford,	3d " " " "
Tally Ho,	E. F. Beacham,		W. T. Hunt,	Tally Ho,	2d " " " "

Sabbath School Statistics and other Miscellaneous Items.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Religious Papers Taken.	No. of Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions S. S. School.	Orphan Asylum.	Ministerial Relief and Extra Pay.	Incidental Church Expenses.	Repairs of Church.	General Expenses, Organs, &c.	Volumes in Library.
Amis' Chapel,	R Amis and K C Allen,	K'd Words 18, Rec'der 6, Her. 5, oth. 12	2	8	75	$ 1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Antioch,	J L Timberlake,	Recorders 10,	1	5	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Bethel,	B F Gentry,	Kind Words 29, Recorders 2,	2	...	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Concord,	A M Veazey and N C Lyon,	Kind Words 20, Recorders 8,	1	4	50	22 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Corinth,	J T Howell,	Kind Words 10,	1	4	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Enon,	J B Hobgood,	Kind Words 20,	1	6	75	.....	$40 00	$ 7 50	$10 00	.....	.....	....
Fellowship,	J P Beck,		1	6	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Flat River Union	R Peede,	K'd Words 10, Recorders 5, Baptist 1	1	...	25	6 70	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Grassy Creek,	J G Pittard, W Davis,		2	16	172	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Henderson,	F M Meadows,		1	6	75	.....	.....	115 00	35 50	113 99	135 00	....
Hester's,	H T Knott,	K'd Words 17, Recorders 5, Baptist 2,	1	5	65	.....	31 50	.....	18 00	.....	.....	....
Island Creek,	J D Knott, Jno Morgan & Jas Parker,	Recorders 22,	3	15	110	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	....
Mill Creek,	Thos H Street,		1	...	49	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	....
Mountain Creek,	J T Hobgood and W H Blackwell,		1	6	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Mt. Zion,	B D Howard and J J Meadows,		1	...	75	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Mt. Harmony,												
New Light,	L Wilson,		1	...	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
North Fork,		[& Chronicle,	1	5	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Oxford,	T T Grandy,	Kind Words 30, Recorders 10, and Ex.	1	10	123	26 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215
Olive Branch,												
Pleasant Grove,												
Poplar Creek,	A J Wright,	Kind Words 13, Recorders 6,	1	7	45	16 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Providence,												
Tabb's Creek,												
Tally Ho,	Samuel Washington,	Kind Words 10,	1	6	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
			25	109	1333	$78 96	$71 50	122 50	104 50	113 99	135 00	215

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CORINTH, GRANVILLE COUNTY,
Tuesday, August 12th, 1879.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its eighty-sixth annual session, met with the church at this place to-day.

Elder R. T. Vann preached the Introductory Sermon from Matt. 5th chapter and 16th verse.

After intermission for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Bro. W. D. Horner.

On motion, Bro. N. B. Cannady was appointed reading Clerk.

Letters from the churches were read and the names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of W. D. Horner, Moderator, R. Amis, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Accepted by Elder C. T. Baily, Editor of Biblical Recorder; Dr. T. H. Pritchard, President of Wake Forest College and messenger of Central Association: Elder R. T. Vann, messenger of Chowan Association; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, President of Raleigh Female Seminary; Bro. H. Borst, of Weldon church; Elder C. Durham of Mt. Zion Association; Prof. L. R. Mills, Agent Board of Education, Wake Forest College; Elder J. R. Howell, messenger of Eastern Association; Bro. S. Otho Wilson, messenger of Raleigh Association; Elder J. S. Purefoy, Agent for Endowment Fund, Wake Forest College, and messenger of Central Association; Bro. T. J. Rigsby, messenger of Mt. Zion Association; Bro. S. W. Parker, messenger of Tar River Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Religious Exercises.—F. R. Underwood, J. M. Howell, and J. H. Tippett.
State Missions,—R. H. Marsh, T. J, Montague and H. H. Barnes.
Foreign Missions.—C. Durham, G. W. Pittard and E. H. Jones.
Education.—L. R. Mills, John A. Watkins, and B. F. Hester.
Periodicals.—F. P. Hobgood, R. W. Hobgood and T. T. Grandy.
Sabbath Schools.—J. J. Meadows, J. G. Morgan and G. W. Pittard, Standing Committee: R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley, Wm. Biggs, B. F. Hester and John G. Morgan, Special Committee.
Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer.—R. I. Devin, A. Reams, and Jas. H. Chandler.
Temperance.—J. A. Stradley, H. C. Sweeney, and J. M. Currin.
Home Missions.—R. T. Vann, E. Winston and S. P. Washington.
Systematic Beneficence.—T. H. Pritchard, E. C. Montague and S. C. Hobgood.
Time, Place and Preachers for next Session.—J G. Morgan, J. W. Rogers, and J. K. P. Stovall.

On motion, the subject of State Missions comes up to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Aug. 13th, 1879.

The session opened with the reading of the 27th Psalm by the Moderator, and prayer by Bro. Jno. A. Watkins.

The letter from Poplar Creek church was read.

Bro. N. E. Cannady was recognized as a messenger from the Central Association.

The committee offered the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This department of our work is designed to furnish North Carolina with Baptist preaching. The means employed to this end, are chiefly two: (1.) By appointing and sustaining Missions in destitute localities; and (2.) by aiding poor churches in supporting Pastors and in building houses of worship. The work embraces Associational and general missions. Many Associations are co-operating with State Board, in occupying destitute fields within their own bounds. This is advisable in securing unity of effort, and in preserving in tangible form the results of Baptist efforts within the State. The places of general interest now under the direction of the Board are: Weldon, Enfield, Halifax, Williamston, Hamilton, Plymouth and Washington, in the bounds of the old Pamlico Association; and in the Beulah Association, Winston, Waughtown, Greensboro, and many country Stations; Salisbury, Statesville, Lincolnton, Morganton, Newton, Hickory, Marion, Rockingham, Laurenburg, Shoe

Heel, Abbottsburg, with missions in Sandy Creek, Liberty, Catawba, Brown Creek and Mt. Zion Associations. The number of Missionaries employed is nineteen;—among them we mention brethren Hufham, Vann, Pittman, Knight, Boone, I. R, Jones, Stough, Richardson, W. S. Fontain, H. A. Brown, Oliver Smith, Sheets, W. T. Jordan and J. Howell.

We call attention to our own destitution, within bounds of this Association, and earnestly recommend that the churches allow their Pastors and appoint some efficient brethren to hold protracted meeting at Kittrells, and at suitable points in the Roanoke and Flat River sections, and if any success attends their efforts, that steps shall be taken to encourage and sustain missions at those points. In view of such voluntary labor we would advise the Pastors present to arrange to go two and two, at times deemed most practicable by their churches.

Respectfully,

R. H. MARSH, *Ch.*,
T. J. MONTAGUE,
H. H. BARNES,
Committee.

Discussed by brethren J. G. Morgan, N. E. Lyon, H. H. Barnes, R. W. Hobgood, Elder J. A. Stradley, Bro. E. Winston, Elder R. I. Devin, and Bro. Jas. H. Chandler.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Bro. H. Borst, Elder R. T. Vann and Prof. L. R. Mills addressed the Association on the claims of the churches at Enfield and Weldon. A collection was then taken up amounting to twenty-six dollars and five cents.

The discussion of the report on State Missions was further discussed by Elder C. Durham and adopted.

The following report was discussed by Elder J. A. Stradley, Bro. S. F. Pate, Elders J. K, Howell, C. T. Baily, Bro. E. Winston, Elder R. I. Devin, Bro. J. H. Chandler, Elder J. S. Purefoy and Bro. R. W. Hobgood. On motion, adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee on Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer, can perhaps do but little more than earnestly urge upon the churches composing this body, to maintain regular Prayer Meetings within their bounds, and that it is the duty of every family connected with the churches, to assemble together daily, for reading the word of God and for prayer.

R. I. DEVIN,
A. REAMS,
J. H. CHANDLER,
Committee.

The following is the report on Periodicals :

The committee on Periodicals beg leave to report as follows:

The Biblical Recorder is a bold and intelligeut defender of the doctrines of the Baptist churches. It is a valuable educator in the families that read it. It is indispensable to the developement of a spirit of liberality in the churches. It is a valuable aid to the Sunday School Teacher and Scholar, because of its expository notes on the International Series of Lessons.

The committee also recommends Kind Words for circulation among children.

F. P. HOBGOOD,
T. T. GRANDY,
R. W. HOBGOOD,
Committee.

After discussion by Elder C. T. Baily and Bro. G. W. Pittard, the Association adjourned for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The consideration of the report on periodicals was resumed and further discussed by brethren J. M. Howell, John Pittard, E. Winston and Dr. T. H. Pritchard. On motion, adopted.

The following was read and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The religious destitution in the far South, and among the wild trbes of the West, demands our prayerful consideration. To relieve this destitution, the Home Mission Board of the S. B. Convention has been organized. The readiness with which the Indians receive the Gospel, calls for hearty thanksgiving, and for more abundant labors among them. The ministry of brethren Buckner and Marrow has been greatly blessed of God. While cultivating faithfully the foreign field, we may not innocently neglect our home work. The Missionary spirit that does not find work to do at home, does not do the work found abroad. The Home Mission spirit is the heart of the true, whose fruit will appear in foreign lands. By divine command, the Apostles were to preach the Gospel to every creature; by the same command, they were to begin at Jerusalem. In our praying and giving, let us study the needs of the poor red man.

R. T. VANN,
S. P. WASHINGTON,
E. WINSTON,
Committee.

After earnest discussion by Elder J. A. Stradley, Brethren S. F. Pate, E. Winston, J. A. Jere, Elder J. S. Purefoy and Bro. E. H. Jones, the following was adopted.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee submit the following report on this subject:

We are happy to be able to say, that so far as we know, there is not a church in our Association, that will hold a drunkard in fellowship any longer than they deem necessary to make proper efforts to reclaim such. In this, our churches have gained, and are holding a proper position. But it pains us to report that all is not as we think it should be among us. Many, if not all of our churches have members who are *habitual*, or at least *occasional* dram-drinkers. But do you ask, "Is this wrong?" We think it is; we do believe that dram-drinking ought never to be indulged in by anyone, unless it be *absolutely* necessary as a medicine. The practice is undoubtedly evil in its tendency. Look at that infant boy in his mother's arms! What a picture of frailty and weakness; but let him live a few years, and he will grow to the full stature and strength of a robust man. So, it is equally natural, and almost as certain, that dram-drinking if continued, will grow, sooner or later, to besotted drunkenness. Dram-drinking is the seed, the root, from which drunkenness grows.

Dram-drinking is an evil, not only because it leads to drunkenness, but because it costs so much money,—because it throws one into such bad society,—because it is so chilling to piety,—because it brings so much reproach on the cause of Christ.

We believe that we have many good meaning brethren in our churches, who could easily be persuaded to give up dram-drinking, if the evils of the habit could be frequently, clearly, and faithfully shown them. We therefore advise that more be said on this subject, from our pulpits, in our social circles, through our Newspapers, in our Sabbath Schools and around our hearth-stones.

J. A. STRADLEY,
H C. SWEENEY,
J. M. CURRIN,
Committee,

The committee on Time and Place of holding next session.

REPORT.

Enon Church as the place, and Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August, 1880, at 11 o'clock A. M., as the time. Elder J. E. Montague to preach the Introductory Sermon.

J. G. MORGAN,
J. W. ROGERS,
J. K. P. STOVALL,
Committee.

The following was read and adopted:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In accordance with the instructions of the Association, your committee have held S. S. Institutes on the fifth Sabbaths and Saturdays preceding, at different points in the Association.

These meetings have been characterized by a spirit of zeal and devotion rarely witnessed in our religious gatherings, and have been the means of encouraging and strengthening the Sunday Schools with which they have been held. In our opinion they have steadily increased in interest and efficiency, and cannot be dispensed with, without detriment to the S. S. cause. But in

view of the fact that the next fifth Sabbath follows so closely upon the meeting of the Association, it was decided at our last Institute to omit it. We suggest also, that inasmuch as these meetings are sometimes so largely attended as to tax the hospitality of the churches, that invitations for the Institute be presented to the committee; but in case no invitation should be received, that the committee be authorized to send it wherever their judgement may direct.

As to the general status of the S. S. work among us, we are gratified to say that nearly all the churches in our Association have one or more schools in successful operation, and that the outlook, is on the whole, hopeful and inspiring.

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
A. C. PARHAM,
B. D. HOWARD,
Committee.

Elder R. H. Marsh offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of dividing the Association into two or more Sunday School districts and of appointing committees to hold Sunday School Institutes and Temperance Institutes on the basis of Temperance report adopted, in each district.

On motion, the resolution was adopted, and the Moderator appointed Elders R. H. Marsh and J. A. Stradley, and Brethren B. F. Hester, Wm. Biggs and J. J. Morgan.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder J. S. Purefoy.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 14th, 1879.

The 96th Psalm was read by the Moderator. Prayer by R. W. Hobgood.

Roll of delegates called. Minutes of two preceding days read and corrected.

After remarks by Elder C. Durham, the following was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God, the Father, has given us ten commandments; these are in the Old Testament. Jesus Christ gave us many; these are in the New Testament. The last great commandment of Jesus was "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." To the extent of our ability and opportunities, we are under the same obligations to obey the last as the first, or any of the intermediate ones. No one who reads the New Testament ought to doubt our obligations to give the Gospel to all the world. No one who knows the success of Foreign Missions for the last half century, can doubt the willingness of God to bless our efforts in giving the Gospel to the heathen.

God is now rapidly fulfilling the promise to His Son: "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." Our fathers prayed for the Lord to open the nations to the Gospel of Christ. Those prayers have been answered,—China is opened, India is largely christianized, Japan is ready for the Gospel, the Isles of the Sea know much of redeeming grace, South America is calling for the word, and in the city of Rome the Baptists preach the Gospel.

CHINA MISSIONS.

Tung Chow.—In this city we have two churches, Monument Street with 63 members, and North Street with 67 members; Elder T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, Miss Lottie Moon, a native pastor, Woo, and 3 native assistants. Mrs. Crawford has a School of 15 boys; Mrs. Holmes has a School of 25 girls; Miss Moon has a school, which is doing well; and pastor Woo has a school of 13 pupils and an assistant preacher, sustained by the natives. Bro. Crawford and wife have been in China 28 years.

Shanghai.—Here we have two churches and one out station—a chapel with a membership of 80—and the following laborers: Dr. M. T. Yates, Mrs. Yates, a native pastor, Wang Ping San and one assistant.

Canton.—In this city we have one church of 158 members; Elder R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, Miss Whilden, three ordained ministers and ten native assistants and Bible women. Schools, 5; in all of which there are about 100 pupils. Now seems to be the accepted time and the day of salvation for China.

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

Here we have Bro. W. W. Colly—a colored brother—and six native assistants. Bro. W. J. David is anxious to return to Africa. The Lord has done much for us in this dark land. The harvest is ready here.

ITALIAN MISSIONS.

In Italy.—Rome and other cities, we have Dr. Geo. B. Taylor and eight native assistants. Paul suffered and preached in these cities.

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform."

We now hear of Missionary and Anti-Missionary Baptists, but in earlier days it was not thus with us. From the days of the Apostles down, the Baptists have been "Missionary," and we should ever remember with gratitude what our brethren have suffered and under God done for the world. Dr. Geo. B. Taylor says of them: "As compared with other Christian denominations, they have done their full share in promoting Christian Civilization, and in spreading the knowledge of scriptural truth over the world.

No one who knows the history of Foreign Missions, will call in question this statement: Jesus is still our leader, and the battle begun by him 1800 years ago, is progressing well, the victory is sure and the glory will be complete.

We live in a wonderful age. Every new developement of Providence calls louder to us to double our efforts to give the Gospel to all the world. We are not our own. The heathen are going down in darkness. The knowledge that we shall meet them at the Judgement, ought to arouse us to continual activity. The knowledge that we are discharging our duty, and that Jesus will bless us, should stimulate us to greater exertions to give them the Gospel of Christ. *This is their only hope.*

C. DURHAM,
G. W. PITTARD,
E. H. JONES,
Committee.

The following is the report on Ministerial Education:

During the last session, there were twenty-two young Ministers at the College. Thirteen of these were aided by the Board of Education. On account of the stringency of money matters, the contributions of the churches during the past year have been smaller than usual, and the Board has not been able to meet all of its obligations for the last session. The needs of our churches are such that we cannot afford to allow this work to be crippled. We earnestly urge all our churches to increase their contributions to this Board.

During the last eighteen months, Bro. C. F. Humphries of this Association has been pursuing a course of study at Wake Forest, under the direction of this Board, and we are happy to say that he has made very commendable progress in his books, and gives every evidence of making a good and useful Minister.

We believe it to be the duty of every man to educate his children as thoroughly as circumstances will admit.

L. R. MILLS,
B. F. HESTER,
J. A. WATKINS,
Committee,

After being fully discussed by Prof. L. R. Mills, Elders R. T. Vann and R. H. Marsh, the Association raised for this object, $73.56 in cash and pledges. Further remarks were made by Elders J. A. Stradley, J. S. Purefoy, and Dr. T. H. Pritchard, after which, the report was adopted.

T. H. Briggs, Jr., of Central Association, representing S. S. Board, made interesting statements in regard to its operations.

The following was read and adopted:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The duty of statedly contributing to the cause of religion, has been distinctly enjoined in all the dispensations of God's grace. The proportion of his income which the Jew was required to give, was prescribed by law, and is commonly supposed to have been *one-tenth*, but when all the tithes, offerings and sacrifices of the Israelites are considered, it will be found that they gave from *one-half* to *two-thirds* of all they made. And yet, the history of the nation plainly shows that when they honored God with their substance, then they prospered in basket and store, but when they robbed God in tithes and offerings they not only suffered with barrenness of soul, but were punished with poverty and misfortune.

Under the Gospel system, no special proportion of our income is prescribed as belonging to the Lord, but all is recognized as his, and we are but as his stewards to use his property for the promotion of his glory, as the claims of his cause may demand. We may legitimately infer, however, that if the Jew, whose mission was limited and whose religion was confined to a single nation, was required by the expressed law of God to contribute so large a proportion of his income, the duty of the Christian in this behalf, requires at least as much, if not more, since the mission of our holy religion comprehends the conversion of the

whole world to Christ.

Another principle is plainly taught in the Scriptures on this subject; which is, that these gifts are demanded at our hands, not because the Lord needs our money to carry forward his plans, but because our own temporal and spiritual prosperity will be promoted thereby. There are as many commands in the Bible to give as there are to pray, and it may be that the one grace is as efficient in promoting piety as the other, for Paul calls giving money to the cause of Christ *a grace* five times in the 8th chapter of 2nd Corinthians, and enjoins this duty upon the Christians of his day, with great emphasis.

The same Apostle teaches the principle of systematic beneficence, when he tells the churches to 'lay by them in store, on the first day of the week, as the Lord has prospered them.'

It is very certain that in acts of benevolence, as well as in everything else, more work will be done, better work will be done, and more easily done also, by adopting some system. From the principles above stated, it follows: first, that duty to the cause of Christ as well as to our own souls, requires us to give to the cause of religion. Second, that it should be the business of our pastors and the official members of our churches, to induce every member to contribute something to the cause of the Master. The poorest members may receive a blessing in giving, even as the widow who honored God with her two mites. Third, Every church should adopt some regular plan for raising money for the various enterprises which claim our support.

While your committee would not prescribe any particular system, they would insist that some plan shall be adopted, and that the principles of *giving often* shall be incorperated in it. Experience has shown that the churches can give more and give easier when then give often, and the grace of giving is thus cultivated also. In conclusion, your committee would congratulate the churches of the future, when the children who are now trained to give in the Sabbath Schools, shall assume the places of their fathers, having been taught the habit of giving, it will be easy for them to give and we may hope that the Lord's treasury will be full.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
E. C. MONTAGUE,
S. C. HOBGOOD,
Committee.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. The following was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE EXPEDIENCY OF DISTRICTING THE ASSOCIATION INTO S. S. AND TEMPERANCE INSTITUTES.

After consultation, we think it unwise to divide the S. S. Institute, or to organize a separate Temperance Institute. We think Temperance belongs to the Sunday School as a part of its legitimate work and object, and advise that the committee on S. S. Institutes be directed to give Temperance a place among the topics of consideration, on basis of the report on Temperance adopted by the Association.

R. H. MARSH,
B. F HESTER,
J. G. MORGAN,
J. A. STRADLEY,
Committee.

The following was read and adopted:

Resolved,—That the Churches entertaining this Association be requested to

take the necessary steps to prevent all trade and traffic within ½ mile of the Association during its sessions.

R. H. MARSH.

Also the following:

Resolved 1st,—That it is with pleasure we learn that the Trustees of Wake Forest College have resolved to erect a building 102 ft. long and 60 ft. wide,—5 recitation rooms below and one large Chapel above, 60 by 90 ft.,—to be known as the Wingate Memorial Hall.

Resolved 2nd,—That we recommend that the brethren of this Association do their full share in this noble work.

R. H. MARSH.

On motion, brethren S. F. Pate, H. H. Barnes and J. M. Howell were appointed delegates to the State Convention.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention; to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer.

W. D. HORNER, Moderator.

R. AMIS, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1*st,* The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2d. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches; and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3d. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Home Missions	S. S. Board.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'd. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,	*A. B. Willingham, *Jno. Amis, *J. H. Chandler,	2 05	$7 25	7 00		$7 60	2 00	1	1		1	2	2	56	105	161
Antioch,	A. Reams, R. Rhew, W. A. Barton,	2 00	4 34	4 34	1 00	5 65		6	1		3			21	36	57
Bethel,	W. C. Pulliam, W. H. Jackson, *S. C. Humphries,	2 10		85		4 61			3		1	3	1	30	107	137
Concord,	N. C. Lyon, K. Haithcock, E. C. Coley,	2 20	5 65	10 00	3 50	4 62		6				1	2	32	67	99
Corinth,	W. A. Barrett, J. M. Howell, J. H. Tippett,	1 50	2 60			1 50			1		2		1	31	65	96
Enon,	S. C. Hobgood, B. F. Hester, J. W. Currin,	2 00	5 50	34 85	20 50	3 42		11	3		11	1		37	39	76
Fellowship,																
Flat River Union,	J. L. Peed, R. F. Peed, Thomas Green,	2 00	5 00	7 00				5			4			27	73	100
†Grassy Creek,	G. W. Pittard, E. J. Ragsdale, J. W. Gordan,	2 00	2 58	2 58	2 61	2 58	5 00		4		8	4	3	85	157	242
Henderson,	W. D. Horner, J. M. Currin, S. Dean,	1 50	15 50	30 00					9			1	1	29	33	62
Hesters',	R. W. Hobgood, M. L. Traylor, J. H. Morriss,	2 50	8 55	14 04	4 24	13 83		4	15	2	7	2	2	47	93	140
Island Creek,	John G. Morgan, W. D. Hicks, W. H. Cutts,	2 50	9 32	12 51	11 00		3 50	25	1	1		3		68	83	151
Mill Creek,	E. D. Jones, John Clayton, T. J. Montague,	2 00	5 85			8 65	3 80	2			3	2				126
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins, D. W. Eakes, J. S. Hobgood,	2 00		10 82	16 00	10 81		4	3	1	1	2	1	84	130	214
‡Mt. Zion,	J. J. Meadows, E. H. Jones, J. A. Gerry,	2 05	34 25	92 00				9	1		3	3	4	65	97	162
Mt. Harmony,	H. C. Sweeney, *David Peed,	1 00		3 60		3 00		9			*			15	33	48
New Light,	Jas. Z. Allen, Jas. W. Atkinson,	2 00				6 50			1	1	6	7	1			165
North Fork,	*H. H. Hester, S. F. Pate, *G. W. Watson,	2 00		1 30				7	1	1	1		1	47	87	134
Oxford,	T. T. Grandy, E. C. Montague, N. B. Cannady,	1 50	9 00	52 81	10 00	15 23		5	3		10	1		40	48	88
Olive Branch,	J. C. Rogers, J. G. Norwood, J. K. P. Stovall,	2 25				3 60	5 50	13			2		2	42	102	144
Pleasant Grove,	E. Winston, J. R. Wright, W. H. Adcock,	1 00		1 35				24		1		1				61
Poplar Creek,	H H. Barnes, J. R. Callis, R. R. Callis,	2 00	4 40	9 05	2 20	3 07		7	2		5	1	2	32	82	114
Providence,	John W. Rogers,	1 50						3			2	1	1	11	18	36
Tabb's Creek,																
Tally Ho,	Simon Peed, S. P. Washington, J. T. Hunt,	2 00		4 50		2 00		17	3	2	3	6		53	75	128
† 31 *col'd mems.*																
‡ 3 " "	*absent.*	43 65	$119 77	$298 60	$71 05	$96 67	19 80	159	52	9	73	41	25	852	1530	2741

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Post Office.	Pastor's Salary.	CLERKS.	Post Office.	Time of Meeting.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	$150	R. Amis,	Henderson,	1st Sabbath and Saturday before,
Antioch,	J. H. Vernon,	Roxboro,	100	J. L. Timberlake,	Long's X Roads,	3d " " " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	100	S. C. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,	1st " " " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	150	Sam'l Clark,	Dutchville,	2d " " " "
Corinth,	F. R. Underwood,	"		W. H. Hobgood,	Oxford,	2d " " " "
Enon,	R. H. Marsh,	"	250	J. P. Cannady,	"	4th " " " "
Fellowship,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,		T. H. Perry,	Dutchville,	1st " " " "
Flat River Union,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	150	C. A. Peede,	Knap of Reeds,	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X R'ds.,		B. T. Winston,	Young's X Roads,	4th " " " "
Henderson,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	350	W. D. Horner,	Henderson,	1st and 3d Sabbaths.
Hesters',	"	"	200	Lawson Knott,	Oxford,	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	"	150	H. T. Shanks,	Williamsboro,	3d " " " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,		T. J. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X R'ds.,	150	David Eakes,	Oak Hill,	3d Sab. and Sat. before & 1st Sab.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Henderson,		I. N. Day,	Berea,	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,		H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah,	2d " " " "
New Light,	Thomas Young,			J. A. J. Penny,	New Light,	2d " " " "
North Fork,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,		W. R. Hill,	Red Bank, Va.,	4th " " " "
Oxford,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford,	450	D. A. Hunt,	Oxford,	1st and 3d Sabbaths.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	100	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek,	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Pleasant Grove,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,		J. W. Fuller,	Wilton,	2d " " " "
Poplar Creek,	F. R, Underwood,	Oxford,	150	G. W. Wright,	Henderson,	4th " " " "
Providence,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,	60	J. W. Buchanan,	Roxboro,	1st " " " "
Tabb's Creek,						
Tally Ho,	E. F. Beacham,	Franklinton,	140	S. P. Washington,	Tally Ho,	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.

Sabbath School Statistics and other Miscellaneous Items.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents.	No. of Religious Papers Taken.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	S.S. Contributions.	Incidental Expenses	Vols. in Library,
Amis' Chapel,	A. B. Willingham,	Recorders 6, Kind Words 18, others 4.	1	8	85	2 41		
Antioch,	J. L. Timberlake,	No report.	1	6	60			
Bethel,	B. F. Gentry,	Recorders 2, Kind Words 20,	1	3	35	3 50		
Concord,	A. M. Veasey,	Recorders 8, Kind Words and lesson papers 30,	1	3	25	10 00		
Corinth,	L. Hobgood,	34 lesson papers	1	5	70			
Enon,	J. P. Cannady,	Recorders 8, Kind Words 36,	1	7	63	5 00	15 00	
Fellowship,								
Flat River Union,	R. Peede,	Kind Words 10, Recorders no report,	1	3	25		6 50	
Grassy Creek,	J. G. Pittard,	Kind Words 30, " " "	2	17	150	19 15		
Henderson,	F. M. Meadows,	Recorders 8,	1	10	65	17 88	50 00	125
Hesters',	L. Knott,	" no report, Kind Words 26,	1	5	67	13 71	12 00	
Island Creek,	W. T. Bowden,	" 8, " " 15,	3	15	103	19 00	10 00	
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street,	" no report,	1	3	55			
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins,	" " "	1	4	50			
Mt. Zion,	B. D. Howard,	" " "	1		80			
Mt. Harmony,		" 3 Kind Words 13,	1		97			
New Light,		" no report,						
North Fork,	W. R. Hill,	" " "	1	5	62			
Oxford,	T. T. Grandy,	" 13, others 11, Kind Words 30,	1	11	100	27 32	52 71	160
Olive Branch,	W. W. Humphries,	" no report,	1	5	60			
Pleasant Grove,	G. W. Rogers,	" " "	1		43			
Poplar Creek,	J. E. Callis,	" 7 S. S. papers 25,	1	3	80			150
Providence,	T. H. Nelson,	" no report,	1	8	50			
Tabb's Creek,								
Tally Ho,	S. P. Washington,	" no report,	1	4	20			
			25	125	1445	$117.97	146 21	435

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Tally Ho, Granville County, N. C.,

August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1881.

MODERATOR,.....A. M. VEAZEY.
CLERK,.....B. V. HOWARD.
TREASURER,.....A. C. PARHAM.

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PROCEEDINGS.

TALLY HO, Granville County, N. C.
August 16th, 1881.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its eighty-eighth annual session, met with the church at this place to-day.

Elder James S. Purefoy preached the introductory sermon from 1st Peter, 1st chapter, 3rd, 4th and 5th verses.

After intermission for refreshments, in the absence of the former Moderator and Clerk, upon motion, Elder James S. Purefoy was made temporary Moderator and B. D. Howard, Clerk.

On motion, Brethren John E. Ray and A. C. Parham were appointed to read the letters from the churches, and the names of the delegates were enrolled.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of Bro. A. M. Veazey, as Moderator, B. D. Howard, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats, which was accepted by Bro. John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and Elder J. S. Purefoy, agent Wake Forest College.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Tallo Ho church.
State Missions—John E. Ray, R. T. Clam and H. C. Sweany.
Education—L. R. Mills, A. C. Parham and Lawson Knott.
Periodicals—John J. Meadows, John G. Morgan and T. R. Averett.
Foreign Missions—Elder R. H. Marsh, C. Durham and Prof. F. P. Hobgood.
Sabbath Schools—John J. Meadows, J. G. Morgan and G. W. Pittard.
Prayer Meetings, Family Prayer—Rev. J. P. Montague, Richard Peed and M. W. B. Veazey.
Temperance—S. L. Howard, S. P. Washington and M. B. Waller.
Home Missions—J. S. Purefoy, B. D. Howard and J. E. Callis.
Systematic Beneficence—John G. Morgan, Alexander Reams and E. P. Hester.
Time, Place and Preachers for Next Session—T. R. Averett, Lawson Knott and John A. Watkins.

On motion, to-morrow, 10 o'clock, was made special hour to discuss State Mission work.

On motion, adjourned until half past nine o'clock, to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association called to order by the Moderator. Bro. Ray read 53rd Psalm, after which Bro. C. Durham led in prayer.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

An invitation was again extended to visiting brethren, which was accepted by Bro. N. E. Cannady, from the Central Association, Elder J. H. Vernon, of Beulah, Elder C. Durham, of Mount Zion, Elder S. H. Thompson, of the Liberty Association, Elder J. K. Falkner, visiting brother in the ministry from Kinston, Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, Bro. L. R. Mills, from Wake Forest College, and Elder F. R. Underwood, from Hamilton.

Letters were received from Bethel, Grassy Creek and Henderson churches, and delegates enrolled.

Ten o'clock being the special hour appointed to discuss State Missions, the report was read and discussed by Bros. J. E. Ray and F. P. Hobgood, Elders J. S. Purefoy, R. T. Devin, J. A. Stradley and C. Durham. After which a collection was taken up amounting to $92.30, when the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to report upon this important department of our labor, feel specially gratified at the prospects in the State at large. During the past Conventional year, the State Mission Board did a grand work for Jesus. About fifty new churches were organized in different parts of the State; more than fifty new church-houses were built, and between 5,000 and 6,000 members were added to our numbers.

This year the work is very much enlarged. Encouraged by the results of our efforts last year, the Board felt constrained to make greater outlays and larger appropriations than ever before. The cause demanded it, and feeling confident that the brethren all over the State would heartily sustain us, we appointed a larger number of Missionaries than we have done at any period of our history. There are twenty-six of these self-sacrificing, devoted men of God, spending their time and talents in the service of the Master, and eternity alone can compute the results. Already a large number of churches has been organized and encouraging reports come up to us from every side.

But notwithstanding the glorious work already done and doing, there are still vast regions of territory within our bounds containing hundreds of square miles where the truth, as we hold it, is totally unknown. There are whole counties in the eastern part of the State with not more

than *one Baptist church* in them! Almost as great destitution is to be found along the valleys of the Yadkin and Catawba rivers, as well as in other sections of North Carolina. For these we ask your prayers and your alms.

The Board is now in great need of funds. The salaries of the Missionaries are due and we have not the means to pay them. We earnestly ask this Association to assist in relieving us of the present embarrassments, and our Missionaries of their pressing wants.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY,
R. T. ELAM,
H. C. SWEANEY,
Committee.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to consider the importance of occupying the destitute places in the bounds of our Association, consisting of Brethren B. F. Hester, Lawson Knott and S. L. Howard.

On motion, the report on Periodicals was read, and after a discussion of it by Elder C. T. Bailey, Brethren J. G. Morgan and J. J. Meadows, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals respectfully report, that the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, is published at Raleigh, and is worthy of a place in every Baptist family.

Kind Words, our Sunday School paper, is also worthy of a place in every Sunday School. *The Home and Foreign Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., should have a wide circulation among our churches.

JOHN G. MORGAN,
T. R. AVERETT,
J. J. MEADOWS,
Committee.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to assist Bro. Bailey in soliciting subscribers to the RECORDER, consisting of Brethren J. G. Morgan, T. H. Street and J. P. Cannady.

Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after being discussed by Brethren J. E. Ray, A. C. Parham and Elder Thompson, it was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

There has been a meeting of the Sabbath School Institute during the

Associational year on each 5th Sunday and Saturday before. These Institutes have been held with the churches of Bethel, Mt. Zion, Mill Creek, and Corinth, and have been largely attended. We know of but one church without a Sabbath School; and we have several branch schools in the Association. The work seems to be going on well; the music has been good. We find some schools using the International Lessons, and we would advise all schools to use the same.

Your committee would advise the Association to keep up the Sabbath School Institute; they think great good is accomplished thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MEADOWS,
J. G. MORGAN,
G. W. PITTARD,
Committee.

Amended with this resolution and adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on Sunday School Institute be instructed to select for discussion at each session of the Institute, at least one subject bearing upon the objects of the Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Sunday School Institute for ensuing year—F. P. Hobgood, Millington Blalock and Joseph H. Morris.

Report on Temperance was read, and discussed by Elders J. A. Stradley, J. S. Purefoy and others, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In view of the evils of intemperance, we think it the indispensable duty of every human being to do all in his or her power to promote the cause of Temperance; but especially the peculiar privilege and duty of every professing christian to wage unceasing warfare with this great enemy of humanity and man-destroying evil, both by example and precept, not to unfold the war flag for a ten year siege, or a twenty years', or a century's, but to battle until the whole human family has been delivered from its blighting influence.

S. L. HOWARD,
S. P. WASHINGTON,
M. B. WALLER,
Committee.

Report on Home Missions read and discussed by Elders J. S. Purefoy and C. T. Bailey; a collection was then taken up, amounting to $6.10, after which the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is the work of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is separate and distinct in its financial operations, but closely allied in the spirit of mission work.

Rev. E. Dodson is the accredited agent for this Board in this State. The Home Mission Board is located at Marion, Alabama. Dr. McIntosh is the Corresponding Secretary. This Board has in charge the work of supplying destitute places in the Southern States; sending the gospel to

the Indians in our Western Territory and to the two hundred thousand Chinese in California. Dr. Hartwell is now laboring among these Chinese with success. We commend the work of this Home Mission Board to the hearty co-operation of our churches.

J. S. PUREFOY,
B. D. HOWARD,
J. E. CALLIS,
Committee.

The report on Education was read, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

During the last year there were one hundred and eighty-one students at Wake Forest College. Of these, thirty-two have the ministry in view; nineteen young ministers were aided by the Board of Education. The Board has been able to meet all of its obligations, and is free from debt.

The Association is especially fortunate in having located within her bounds a school of so high a grade and so well managed as Oxford Female Seminary. We would urge our brethren and sisters to make use of the excellent facilities offered by this school for educating their daughters. We also recommend Bro. Horner's school at Henderson as affording as good facilities for training our sons as any academy in the State.

L. R. MILLS,
A. C. PARHAM,
LAWSON KNOTT,
Committee.

On motion of Elder R. H. Marsh, so much of it as relates to ministerial education was made special order for ten o'clock to-morrow.

After remarks by Prof. L. R. Mills, on motion, the Association adjourned till 9:30 to-morrow morning, with prayer by Elder F. R. Underwood.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The session opened by reading 116th Psalm and prayer by Elder R. H. Marsh. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Report on Education again taken up and discussed by Elder C. Durham, Prof. F. P. Hobgood and others, after which the report was adopted.

On motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, the roll of the churches was called and the delegates pledged themselves to try to raise the following amounts for the education of our young ministers at Wake Forest College: Amis Chapel, $10.00; Antioch, $10.00; Bethel, $10.00; Concord, $10.00; Corinth, $10.00; F. R. Union, $10.00; Grassy Creek, $10.00; Henderson, $10.00; Hester's, $10.00; Island Creek, $10.00; North

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The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by Elders C. T. Bailey, R. H. Marsh and Thompson, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The marching orders of the churches are found in Christ's great command: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Until the world ends, God's people are to observe "all things whatsoever" Christ commanded the Apostles, with the promise of Christ's presence. One of these commands to be perpetuated forever is to "Preach the gospel to every creature." In this work God's special presence and blessing have hitherto been apparent. In no part of our work has there been more encouragement and success than in the field of Foreign Missions. We therefore recommend a hearty and full reaffirmation, in sympathy, zeal, and material aid, of our grand Baptist motto, "The world for Jesus."

R. H. MARSH,
F. P. HOBGOOD,
C. DURHAM,
Committee.

Report on Systematic Beneficence was read and adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully suggest that system is of the highest importance in all business, and especially so in Christian work, and we recommend the Bible plan of giving as safe and practical.

J. G. MORGAN,
A. REAMS,
E. P. HESTER,
Committee.

The committee on Prayer Meeting and Family Prayer failed to report.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

On motion, $164 balance in Treasurer's hands, was paid to State Missions.

The committee on time and place of holding next Association decided on meeting with the church at Oxford, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1882; Rev. M. V. McDuffie, of Henderson, to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, Elder F. R. Underwood was allowed to represent his cause, soliciting aid for his destitute section; amount raised, $35.00.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator. Business resumed.

The committee on Associational Missions reported, which was adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee, recommend J. J. Meadows, Jno. G. Morgan and A. C. Parham be appointed as the Associational Missionary Committee, who shall look out the destitute points within the bounds of the Association, and adopt any plan that to them may seem best to raise funds, and forthwith supply the destitution so far as practicable, and the said committee be authorized to co-operate with the State Mission Board, and to report their work to the next Association.

B. F. HESTER,
LAWSON KNOTT,
S. L. HOWARD,
Committee.

The following brethren were appointed to assist the Associational Missionary committee in raising funds to supply destitute points in this Association:

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Resolved, That the committee on Sunday School Institute be instructed to select for discussion at each session of the Institute at least one subject bearing upon the objects of the Baptist State Convention:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer by R. I. Devin.

A. M. VEAZEY, MODERATOR.

B. D. HOWARD, *Clerk.*

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Antioch,	A Reams, J H Rogers, J E Yancy,	$ 2 13	.....	$ 8 75	$ 5 00	$ 13 55	$ 1 50	1	3	...	1	...	1	19	41	60	...	.....
Amis' Chapel,	J H Chandler, W R Wilson, T S Frazier,	2 00	$ 6 50	13 00	.....	7 97	.....	.....	8	...	6	5	1	68	102	165	...	.....
Bethel,	S C Humphreys, R Woody, S H Yancy,	2 00	9 45	8 95	9 55	2 65	.....	8	3	1	1	6	...	39	103	142	...	.....
Concord,	A M Veazey, C Waller, T B Lyon,	2 00	9 00	15 20	6 00	.....	.....	5	1	...	1	4	2	29	67	96	...	.....
Corinth,	D E Bobbitt, W Daniel, J W Pittard,	2 00	3 85	5 25	35	8 20	.....	5	19	...	1	1	1	38	76	114	...	.....
Enon,	T R Averitt, S C Hobgood, H H Royster,	2 00	5 25	73 40	14 00	4 75	.....	5	2	...	4	1	1	35	39	74	...	.....
Fellowship,	F J Bailey, D R Wethers, J P Beck,	1 80	.....	6 98	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	...	...	29	62	91	...	.....
F. R. Union,	M W B Veazey, A Oakey, M B Waller,	1 50	7 64	7 90	5 00	.....	4 21	3	1	1	...	1	2	27	83	110	...	.....
Grassy Creek,	J R Ragsdale, J W Gordon, B T Winston,	2 00	10 00	19 86	9 75	16 00	.....	6	5	...	6	4	6	92	164	297	41	.....
Henderson,	W D Horner, S Phipps, C F Meadows,	1 50	.....	21 74	20 83	20 08	.....	2	6	1	7	2	2	31	30	61	...	.....
Hester's,	J H Morris, L Knott, R H. Frazier,	1 50	9 10	8 34	2 50	10 54	15 62	46	4	3	5	3	5	70	106	176	...	$2 25
Island Creek,	J G Morgan, B T Hicks, W H Cutts,	3 00	17 00	19 58	12 17	.....	.....	12	2	...	2	4	2	79	93	170	...	.....
Mary's Chapel,	J Wheelows, J Z Allen, E Allen,	.....	50	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	6	1	...	...	...	6	18	31	...	.....
Mill Creek,	T W Buchanan, S A Clayton, G B Montague,	2 00	.....	6 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	6	1	...	.....	.....	131	...	.....
Mount'n Creek,	J A Watkins, H H Hester, J S Hobgood,	1 60	13 00	7 82	14 00	9 50	.....	28	1	...	5	4	...	39	143	232	...	.....
Mt. Zion,	J J Meadows, S L Howard, Sollie O'Briant,	2 75	13 75	168 93	2 50	8 50	.....	2	3	2	4	4	6	75	101	176	...	.....
Mt. Harmony,	H C Sweaney, J. W. Knott,	1 00	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	33	47	...	.....
New Light,	E J Hester, C C Keith, W T Roachell,	2 00	3 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	1	5	3	...	56	116	162	...	.....
North Fork,	No Letter,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Oxford,	T T Grandy, A C Parham, F. P. Hobgood,	1 50	15 29	6 92	60 00	.....	.....	4	17	...	7	...	1	38	57	95	...	.....
Olive Branch,	A B Puryear, E J Ramsey, W B Link,	2 00	.....	7 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	...	...	3	...	...	38	98	136	...	.....
Pleasant Grove,	J W Fuller, J E Rogers, Willie Rogers,	1 00	.....	1 82	.....	.....	.....	2	1	...	5	1	...	.....	.....	53	...	.....
Poplar Creek,	J E Callis, P L Parham, A L Capps,	1 50	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	...	7	...	4	31	79	110	...	.....
Providence,	Drury Gravitt, W Gravitt,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	...	3	...	.....	.....	30	...	.....
Tabb's Creek,	No Letter,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Tally Ho,	G W Duncan, S Peed, S H Duncan,	1 50	3 00	3 80	.....	7 25	.....	2	...	1	3	7	1	40	65	105	...	.....
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PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Pastors' Salaries.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETINGS.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	$150	W. T. Chandley	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. H. Vernon	Roxboro	150	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	3d " " " "
Bethel	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	150	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	1st " " " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	150	Samuel Clark	Dutchville	2d " " " "
Corinth	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton	150	L. Hobgood	Oxford	4th " " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	375	J. P. Cannady	Oxford	4th Sab. & Sat. bef. & 3d Sab.
Friendship	C. W. Scarborough		100	T. H. Perry	Dutchville	4th Sabbath and Sat. before.
F. R. Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford		C. A. Pede	Knap of Reeds	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Young's X Roads		B. T. Winston	Young's X Roads	4th " " " "
Henderson	A. V. McDuffie	Henderson		W. D. Horner	Henderson	1st Sab. & Sat. bef. & 3d Sab.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	200	Lawson Knott	Oxford	2d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	200	W. L. Saukes	Williamsboro	3d " " " "
May Chapel	C. F. Beacham	Franklinton		J. Z. Allen	Grissom	1st " " " "
Mill Creek	Jno. E Montague	Bethel Hill		G. B. Montague	Bethel Hill	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek	R. A. Devin	Young's X Roads	150		Oak Hill	3d " " " "
Mount Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson		M. Blalock	Berea	1st Sab. & Sat. bef. & 3d Sab.
Mt. Harmony	E. J. Montague	Roxboro		H. C. Sweaney	Mt. Tirzah	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
New Light	John C. Hocut	Dayton	100	Jno. A. J. Penney	New Light	2d " " " "
North Fork						
Oxford	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	500	Wm. Biggs	Oxford	1st and 3d Sabs. each month.
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	100	W. T. Humphries	Mill Creek	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	Jno. C. Hocut	Dayton	50	G. W. Fuller	Wilton	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford		Joshua G. Barns	Henderson	1st " " " "
Providence	E. J. Montague	Roxboro		A. C. Long	Roxboro	1st " " " "
Tabb's Creek						
Tally Ho	F. E. Beacham	Franklinton	140	S. P. Washington	Tally Ho	2d Sabbath and Sat. before.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS PAPERS TAKEN.	Schools.	Teach'rs	Pupil.	S. S. contribution.	Incidental expenses.	Vols. in Library.	Orphan Asylum.
Amis' Chapel	A. B. Wellingham,	Recorders 6, K. Words 20, Lessons 12,	1	5	60	$ 3 00	$	24	$10 87
Antioch,	G. R. Satterfield,	Recorders 10, Herald 1, F. Journal 4,	1	...	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Bethel,	B. F. Gentry,	Recorders 8, K. Words 12, other papers 6,	1	3	30	.....	3 25	.....	.....
Concord,	A. M. Veazey,	Recorders 10, K. Words 20,	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth,	L. Hobgood,	30 Bible Helps, 20 Lesson Cards,	1	6	70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon,	J. P. Cannady,	Kind Words 54, other papers 15,	1	6	60	16 00	13 50	160	.....
Fellowship,	J. P. Beck,	.....	1	...	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
F. R. Union,	A. M. Veazey,	.....	1	4	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grassy Creek,	J. G. Pittard,	.....	1	7	81	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henderson,	F. M. Meadows,	Recorders 8, Kind Words 9,	1	7	45	75 00	10 00	75	18 00
Hester's,	L. Knott,	Kind Words 26, Lesson Sheets 20.	1	6	70	15 62	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek,	.....	20 Recorders,	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel,	J. Wheelows,	Recorders 1, other papers 6,	1	3	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street,	.....	1	...	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins,	Recorders 6, Kind Words 13,	1	12	108	13 00	.....	90	.....
Mt. Zion,	B. D. Howard,	Recorders 12, Bible Helps 10, Cards 20,	1	5	70	.....	.....	75	.....
Mt. Harmony,	J. W. Knott,	Recorders 3,	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Light,	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford,	F. P. Hobgood,	Recor. 15, K. Words 35, other papers 109,	1	15	151	64	32 58	160	14 21
Olive Branch,	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove,	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Creek,	J. L. Wright,	Kind Words 30,	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence,	.....	.....	1	6	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tabb's Creek,	.....	.....	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tally Ho,	S. P. Washington,	.....	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

OXFORD, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

August 15th, 16th and 17th, 1882.

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Clerk, - - - *B. D. HOWARD.*

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PROCEEDINGS.

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OXFORD, Granville County, N. C., }
August 15th, 1882. }

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Introductory Sermon by Rev. M. V. McDuffie. Text: I Cor., 3d chap., 11th to 15th verses, inclusive.

After intermission for refreshments, in the absence of the former Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, Bro. B. D. Howard.

The Association was opened by prayer, Prof. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest, leading.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood was called to act as temporary Moderator.

Letters were received and read from the various Churches of the Association, and it was found that all were represented but one.

The delegates reported were duly enrolled.

An election for permanent officers of the Association was then gone into with the following result: F. P. Hobgood, Moderator; B. D. Howard, Clerk; A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats and the following responded:

Rev. A. G. McMannaway, Tar River Association; Rev. J. K. Connally, Western Convention; Prof. C. E. Taylor, Wake Forest College; Prof. L. R. Mills, Wake Forest College; N. E. Cannady, Central Association; Rev. J. B. Boone, South Yadkin Association; Rev. J. S. Purefoy, Wake Forest College; Rev. C. T. Bailey, Biblical Recorder J. W. Denmark, Raleigh Association; T. J. Barrow, ——Timberlake, Central Association.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of the Oxford Church.
Education—T. J. Horner, G. W. Pittard, B. F. Lawrence.
Periodicals—T. H. Street, S. C. Humphries, J. W. Denny.
Foreign Missions—C. E. Taylor, H. T. Knott, Z. Eakes.
Sabbath Schools—J. J. Lansdell, W. H. Adcock, J. D. Ramsay.
Prayer Meeting—E. F. Beacham, F. Harris, G. W. Wilborn.
Temperance—R. I. Devin, E. H. Jones, W. H. Cutts.
Home Missions—J. A. Stradley, H. Wilkinson, J. D. Clark.
Systematic Beneficence—L. R. Mills, R. T. Elam, W. C. Rogers.

Time, Place and Preachers at next Session—S. P. Washington, F. P. Ramsay, A. R. Foushee.

On Letters Seeking Membership—R. H. Marsh, John E. Montague, B. F. Hester.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association called to order by the Moderator. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. K. Connally.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

A letter was read from Flat River Union, and delegates enrolled.

The Committee on Periodicals not being present, a new Committee consisting of T. H. Street, W. C. Rogers, George Pittard, was appointed.

Then was read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS:

There are vast regions of territory on our Eastern, Southern and Northern borders, as well as along the valley of the Yadkin and Catawba rivers, almost entirely destitute of the Gospel, as we hold it. We believe the Baptists have a great, God-given mission. Our distinctive views render it of great importance for us to send to, and maintain our misisters in, many villages, towns and counties in the State where other denominations have already taken hold and begun operations. This, to some, may possibly appear as an unnecessary and unimportant expenditure of funds, but to the great majority of those of our brethren who love the Lord Jesus Christ, it appears of the greatest importance to proclaim the whole Truth as we understand it.

Gratifying success has crowned the labors of our Missionaries during the past year. Many precious souls have been brought to Jesus. Churches have been organized, houses of worship built in destitute sections, and the work increases and prospects brighten as our men of God sow the seeds of Gospel Truth beside all waters.

Our State Board is composed of men of God, consecrated to the Master's service. Their operations are satisfactory to the denomination, their work well arranged and vigorously prosecuted.. They have greatly enlarged the operations of the Board, and its benefits extended to the destitute; increased the number of Missionaries employed, and now need the money to pay the expenses incurred. In relying upon the liberality of our brethren, we trust that we may not be disappointed.

We earnestly commend the work of the Board to this Association for coöperation and liberal support.

Respectfully submitted,

M. V. McDUFFIE,
P. MEADOWS,
LAWSON KNOTT,
} Committee.

The report was discussed by J. J. Lansdell and R. H. Marsh, and laid on the table.

The hour for preaching having arrived. the Moderator announced that Rev. J. B. Boone would preach at the Methodist Church.

The following report was read and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of Roxboro and Olive Grove Churches for admission into your body beg leave to report, that after due investigation of the Articles of Faith and Order of Roxboro and Olive Grove Churches, we recommend that the same be received into fellowship with the Flat River Association.

R. H. MARSH,
R. I. DEVIN,
J. E. MONTAGUE } Committee.

The Moderator then gave the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of these Churches.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to say:

That they have witnessed with much pleasure the growing interest taken in this branch of Christian labor by the Churches of the Association, as indicated by the letters from the Churches.

Sabbath School work means an increase of Scriptual knowledge, which is the basis of permanent success and usefulness. Of all people in the world, Baptists should be most dilligent in acquiring a knowledge of the Bible, because, with them, it not only contains the doctrines of grace by which the soul is saved, but Church Order, by which the saved are united in Church fellowship and discipline, by which the Churches so organized are to be governed. Baptists cannot, therefore, afford to be ignorant of these things, nor permit their children to remain in ignorance of them.

The question is sometimes asked : should the distinctive principles of Baptists be taught in Sabbath School? We answer, yes. If they are not a part of the Word of God, we have no right to hold them, and if they are a part of it, we have no right to withhold them from others ; they become the common inheritence of us and our children, and the sooner in life they are learned and imbibed in the heart, the better.

We are glad to see the decided stand now taken in our Sabbath School literature on the subject, and we recommend its use in our Sabbath Schools.

We also recommend the use of the International Lessons for two reasons : 1st. Our current Sabbath School literature is prepared on the lessons, and affords great help in understanding the Bible, and, on account of the large quantity published, is very cheap. 2d. In traveling from home, the stranger can visit the Sabbath School and participate in the lesson of the day without any confusion on his part or that of the class.

We recommond the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, and also those of Atlanta, Ga., and call special attention to the Lesson Quarterlies, as containing valuable help in understanding the text.

The Sabbath School Institute of the Association has had a good effect in awakening an interest in the work, and we recommend that it be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. LANSDELL,
SIMPSON DEAN,
J. D. RAMSAY, } Committee.

After discussion by Revs. C. T. Bailey and J. J. Lansdell, the above report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There are more children and youths at schools and colleges in North Carolina than ever before. This is a most hopeful prophesy for our future prosperity as a people.

It is with gratitude to God that your Committee can report the continued prosperity of our College at Wake Forest. The Board of Trustees and the Faculty are seeking to adopt it in all respects to the needs of the Baptist people of North Carolina. The course of study is extensive and thorough, and the number of students is large. The prospects for the next session, which begins on September 1st, are very flattering.

The College for young ladies at Oxford is doing a good work in our State. The Flat River Association is to be congratulated upon having within its borders so excellent a School.

The Academy of Elder T. J. Horner & Son, at Henderson, is doing thorough work and is worthy of our patronage.

The Education Board of the Baptist State Convention has been compelled to enlarge work. By the Constitution of the Convention this Board is required to assist promising and indigent young ministers. Every caution is taken before receiving a young minister for aid, and the Board seeks to be faithful and honest in using the means provided by the Churches. Eighteen young ministers have already been received for aid during the next session, and six others have been invited to apply before the Board. The Board is free from debt, but in order remain so, it must receive enlarged contributions during the coming year. At the last meeting of the Association, the brethren pledged that they would try to raise $195.00. Of this amount, ——have been paid.

We commend the work of this Board to the prayers, sympathies and beneficence of the Association.

C. E. TAYLOR,
G. W. PITTARD,
B. F. LAWRENCE, } Committee

The report was ably discussed by Prof. C. E. Taylor and Rev. J. J. Lansdell. On motion, the further discussion of this subject was postponed until 2 o'olock this evening.

Rev. R. H. Marsh moved to adjourn the Association at 4 o'clock, and go in body to the Orphan Asylum. Vote taken and motion carried.

On motion of Rev. R. H. Marsh, Rev. J. K. Connally was appointeq to preach in this house at 11½ o'clock to-morrow.

The hour for refreshments having arrived, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. James S. Purefoy.

M. V. McDUFFIE, Clerk pro. tem.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2½ o'clock, was called to order, and Bro. J. H. Vernon led in prayer.

Report on Ministerial Education was again taken up and discussed by Rev. T. J. Horner.

The Churches of the Association agreed to try to raise

the following amounts for Ministerial Education:

Amis' Chpel,	$10.00	Island Creek,	$20.00
Antioch,	5.00	Mill Creek,	10.00
Bethel,	10.00	Mountain Creek,	10.00
Concord,	10.00	Mt. Zion,	Do her duty.
Corinth,	10.00	H. C. Swiney,	2.00
Enon,	20.00	New Light	Do the best she can.
Henderoon,	50.00	North Fork	" " " " "
Oxford,	50.00	Olive Branch,	10.00
F. R. Union,	10.00	Poplar Creek,	10.00
Grassy Creek,	10.00	Providence	5.00
Hester's,	10.00	Roxboro,	5.00

On motion, 8 o'clock to-night was made special hour for a Mass Meeting in the interest of General Education.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chistianity is aggressive and aims to subdue the world. The Church received marching orders when the Captain of our Salvation gave the great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Since the revival of the missionary spirit in 1787, and the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society, much has been done to spread the Gospel among the heathen, but more remains to be done. God's presence and blessings have given encouragement and success to our missionaries in foreign lands, and ought to inspire the Churches with the hope that the day is not far distant when "the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ." Let every Baptist pray, work and give, and we may hope soon to have "the world for Jesus."

T J. HORNER,
HENRY KNOTT,
Z. EAKES,
} Committee.

Bro. D. W. Herring, from Eastern Association, who proposes to go as a Missionary to China and assist Dr. Yates, was introduced to the Association by Rev. R. H. Marsh. Bro. Herring made a telling speech for Foreign Missions, and moved the hearts of all present by relating his call of God to the work of preaching the gospel in China. Bro. Herring will never be forgotten by this body in the ages to come. He was followed by Rev. C. T. Bailey, who regards the special call of Bro. Herring as the answer of God to the prayers of North Carolina that a young man from our own borders, known to all the brethren, might go to receive the lessons of Missionary life from the lips of our distingushed and beloved brother Yates. Rev. T. J. Horner also spoke touchingly and earnestly of the call of brother Herring. Brother Horner regrets that he is an old man, and would rejoice in accompanying our young brother to China if he were himself a young man. Rev. J. J. Lansdell also spoke.

The time having arrived, the Association adjourned and went to the Orphan Asylum.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association having been delightfully entertained at the Asylum, and having contributed $52 or $53 for this institution, also wheat and promises of clothes, re-assembled at 8 o'clock and was led in prayer by Rev. J. B. Boone.

Speeches were made by Prof. L. R. Mills and Rev. A. G. McMannaway.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. A. Stradley.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Association led in prayer by Bro. T. H. Street. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals are glad to report an increasing disposition on the part of our people to take and read our religious journals. A larger number of papers are circulated in our families, Churches and Sunday Schools than ever before. The Biblical Recorder is in a prosperous condition, and is extending its circulation among the Baptists of North Carolina, and is worthy of their support, and we commend it to their confidence and advise all the heads of families in our churches to take it.

Kind Words, the paper for our Schools, is extending its usefulness, and finding a place in the Baptist Sunday Schools of the State. We also commend to the Baptists of this Association the Foreign Mission Journal, of Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. PITTARD,
W. C. ROGERS,
T. H. STREET. } Committee.

Report discussed by Revs. C. T. Bailey and J. E. Montague, and adopted.

On motion of Bro. McDuffie, speeches must be limited to five minutes each, unless by special permission of the Association.

Rev. C. A. Jenkens offered the following as the

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Associational Missions.
2. Periodicals.
3. Education.
4. Foreign Missions.
5. State Missions.
6. Home Missions.

Rev. R. H. Marsh offered as an amendment that the Sabbath Schools be added. On motion of Bro. Stradley, the other objects in the old Order of Business be added to this Order of Business.

The Order with amendments was adopted.

Rev. J. B. Boone, by special permission of the Association, presented the claims of the Church at Statesville, and a col-

lection of monies and subscription was taken up.

Bro. Barrow presented the claims of Youngsville Church, followed by Rev C A Jenkens, and a report in monies and subscription was taken up.

On motion, the report on State Missions was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

At the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Home Mission Board, before located at Marion, Ala., was changed to Atlanta, Ga. Dr. McIntosh, the former Corresponding Secretary of the Board, having resigned, Dr. I. T. Tichinor has been appointed in his stead.

The object of this Board is to supply, as far as possible, the destitute points in the Southern States, and the Indian Territory, with the Gospel as preached by Baptists.

Many thousands of Chinamen are now living in California. Dr. J. B. Hartwell is our only Missionary among this vast number of people. Encouraging success has attended his labors. More men and more money are much needed in this field.

In the State of Louisiana, there is vast and lamentable destitution. New Orleans, destined soon to become the most important city of the Western Hemisphere, has only two small Baptist Churches, too weak to support a pastor. There ought to be at least six missionary stations established among the vast population of this Priest-ridden city. $25,000 are needed in the State of Louisiana.

Among the Indians, in many of the rural districts, in many of the towns and cities of every Southern State, there is such vast and alarming destitution as ought to elicit the prayers and contributions of all true christians.

We earnestly recommend that each Church of this Association will take at least one collection a year for this Board, and forward it to B. F. Montague, Treasurer of Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C.

J. A. STRADLEY,
HENRY WILKINSON, } Committee.
J. D. CLARKE,

Rev. A. G. McMannaway offered as an amendment that the Association instruct the Treasurer to direct that $20.00 of our contributions be sent to New Orleans. The report as amended was adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

On account of a failure on the part of the Churches to give us aid, your Committee has been unable to do the work they desired.

We have, with the limited means we had, engaged Brethren Horner, Jenkens and McDuffie to supply as far as they could the destitution in our bounds. They can and will report to this body concerning their labors, the necessity of the work, &c.

We would recommend that the Association secure the services of an efficient preacher whose time shall be specially devoted to mission work within its bounds. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MEADOWS, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren J J Lansdell, J J Meadows and A C Parham. On motion of Bro Stradley, the report was made the special order for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion, Association adjourned. Prayer by Rev Jas S Purefoy.

M. V. McDUFFIE, Clerk pro. tem.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Humphries.

Rev R H Marsh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That Brethren J. J. Meadows, R. F. Hester and A. C. Parham be appointed as the Associational Committee, and that they be authorized to adopt any plan that may be deemed best to raise the necessary funds for supplying forthwith the following missionary stations, viz: At or near Dean's Chapel, Beaver Pond, Bumpass' X Roads and some point near the State line, east of Beaver Pond, to be selected by the Committee. And resolved further, that the said Committee be instructed to raise and apply $50 to the pastoral support of Roxboro Church.

Resolved further, That the following sisters be appointed to assist the Associational Committee in raising funds in their respective Churches:

Antioch, Sister Ruffin Rue.	M't'n Creek, Sister Jno. A. Watkins
Amis' Chapel, Sister R. A. Stoval.	Mt. Zion, Sister Mary J. Gooch.
Bethel, Sister S. C. Humphries.	Mt. Harmony, Sister Jas. Knott.
Concord, Sister Sam'l Clarke.	New Light, Sister————
Corinth, Sister Lou Y. Pittard.	North Fork, Sister Mary E. Tines.
Enon, Sister Belle Hester.	Oxford, Sister Nona Crawford.
Fellowship, Sister Dave Hunt.	Ol. Branch, Sister Mollie Humphries
Grassy Cr'k, Sister Geo. Royster.	Pleasant Grove, Sister————
Henderson, Sister Hattie Lassiter.	Poplar Creek, Sister Sue Barnes.
Hesters, Sister Julia Knott.	Providence, Sister S. Whit.
Island Creek, Sister Anna Gill.	Tally Ho, Sister Bettie Hunt.
Mary's Chapel, Sister Mary Allen.	Roxooro, Sister Ida Lansdell.
Mill Creek, Sister T. H. Street.	Olive Grove, Sister————

Flat River Union, Sister Rachel Roycroft.

The Treasurer offered his report, which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Institute was received.

Committee on Institute for 1883—R I Devin, T H Street and F M Meadows.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your Committee on Time and Place of Holding the Next Meeting of this Association report as follows: Place, Fellowship Church; Time, beginning on Tuesday after socond Sabbath in August, 1883; Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. A. Jenkens, at 11 a. m.

Read and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The position of this Association on the Temperance Question has been often repeated: That no Church of this body should retain in fellowship any member engaged in the sale or manufacture of alcoholic

beverages; that every christian should personally abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors, and that they will discountenance their use on all public and private occasions.

R. I. DEVIN,
E. H. JONES, } Committee.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

System is of great importance in every department of labor. We may truthfully say that there is no great success possible when this feature is neglected. All nature is a grand volume of system. God's Book is the system of Divine Truth, wherein is set forth our duty in this matter, in such expression as these: "Let every one of you lay by in store as God has prospered him," "Give to the Lord of thy substance, and the first fruits of all thine increase." Let us on this and all other teachings keep to God's Word, and success shall ultimately crown our efforts.

J. H. VERNON,
R. T. ELAM,
W. C. ROGERS, } Committee.

The above report was read and adopted.

Three Delegates appointed to the Baptist State Convention—Brethren J H Lassiter, J M Currin, R S Barnett.

Resolved. That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends of this town for their bountiful hospitallty and kind attention during the present session, to the Methodist brethren for use of their church for preaching during this session, and to the O. & H. Railroad authorities for kindness in reducing fair.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

F. P. HOBGOOD, Moderator.

B. D. HOWARD, Clerk.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS AND OTHER ITEMS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTEN'T'S	NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS PAPERS TAKEN.	Sch'ls	Teac'rs	Pupils	S. S. contri-but'ns	Incid'l Exp's	Vol.in Lib'ry	Or'p'n Asy'm
Amis' Chapel		Recorders, 6; Kind Words, 17	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 7 85
Antioch			1	...	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel			2	...	40	.....	.....	.....	5 75
Concord	A. M. Veazey	Kind Words, 21	1	3	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth	L. Hobgood	Lesson Cards, 15	1	6	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon	B. F. Hester	K Words 40, Bap. Teachers 7, Adv'd Q'r'y 8, Int. Q'y 8	1	6	60	$24 00	.....	109	.....
Fellowship	B. F. Lawrence		1	...	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat River Union	A. M. Veazey		1	4	30	.....	.....	.....	3 25
Grassy Creek	D. S. Pittard		1	6	30	.....	20 00	.....	13 75
Henderson	J. S. Harper		...	9	84	45 85	84 00	.....	.....
Hester's			1	6	89	17 21	21 00	.....	26 10
Island Creek		Biblical Recorders, 20	2	16	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel	J. Wheelows	Recorders, 11; American Messenger 3	1	3	56	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek	B. F. Gentry		1	5	56	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Creek	G. W. Watkins		1	7	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	B. D. Howard	Recorder 20, Advanced Quarterly 20, Lesson Cards 20.	2	6	80	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Harmony	D. Peed	Recorder 2	1	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Light	H. K. Sanderlin		1	5	62	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Fork	C. S. Hite		1	4	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Rec. 15, K. Words 25, Our Little Ones 30, Quar. Less's 75	1	12	150	68 93	3 79	160	14 00
Olive Grove			...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	W. W. Hill		1	6	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove			...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Creek	J. H. Parham	Recorder 8, Quarterly Lesson 20	1	7	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence	J. D. Ramsey		1	...	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roxboro	J. J. Lansdell		1	...	43	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tally Ho	S. P. Washington		1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Pastor's Salaries	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	$150 00	W T Chandler	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat'day before
Antioch	J. H. Vernon	Roxboro		J L Wilkerson	Yancey's Store	3d " " " "
Bethel	J. E. Montague	Letnel Hill		S C Humphries	Bethel Hill	1st " " " "
Comcord	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	150 00	S Clark	Dutchville	2d " " " "
Corinth	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton		L Hopgood	Oxford	4th " " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	250 00	J P Cannady	Oxford	4th " " " "
Fellowship	J. C. Hocut			T H Perry	Dutchville	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	150 00	C A Peed		4th " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford	150 00	B T Winston	Young's x Roads	4th " " " "
Henderson	M. V. McDuffie	Henderson	400 00	W D Horner	Henderson	1st and 3rd Sabbath.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	200 00	Lawson Knott	Oxford	2d Sabbatb and Sat'day before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford		H T Shanks	Williamsboro	3d " " " "
Mary's Chapel	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton		J Y Allen	Grissom	1st Sabbath and Sat'day before
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill		B Montague	Mill Creek	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford		D W Eakes	Oak Hill	3d " " " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson		M Blalock	Berea	1st " " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford		H C Sweaney	Mt. Tirzah	3d " " " "
New Light	J. C. Hocut	Dayton		J A J Penny	New Light	2d " " " "
North Fork	E. J. Montague	Roxboro		W R Hill	Red Bank, Va	4th " " " "
Oxford	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	700 00	Wm Biggs	Oxford	1st, 3d and 4th Sabbaths.
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	100 00	W T Humphries	Mill Creek	3d Sabbath and Sat'day before.
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Roger's Store	50 00	J A Aiken	Dutchville	3d " " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Roger's Store		J W Fuller	Wilton	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	150 00	J G Barnes	Henderson	1st " " " "
Providence	E. J. Montague	Roxboro		A C Long	Roxboro	1st " " " "
Hoxboro	F. H. Jones	Yanceyville		W A Woody		2d Sunday in each month.
Tally Ro	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	100 00	S P Washington	Tally Ho	5d " " " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Minute Fund	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Association Missions.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let.	Restored.	Dis'd by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Colored.
Antioch,	J L Wilkerson, J W Denny, G R Satterfield,	$1 50	$ 2 90	$14 00	$ 4 00	4 00	....	$ 2 00	2	..	..	8	4	2	15	41	54	..
Amis' Chapel	W C Rogers, A H Garner, W T Chand'er,	2 00		8 59	11 65	00	10 00	5 00	20	1	..	12	4	3	62	101	163	..
Bethel.	J C Roger, J D Pool, S L Humphries,	1 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	00	....	.....	0	1	..	6	2	..	34	101	135	..
Concord.	A M Veazey, J D Clark, S A Green,	2 00		10 27	5 75	9 05	3 00	10 00	7	1	..	1	0	1	30	72	102	..
Corinth.	J F Usry, D E Bobbitt, J I Gordan,	2 00	2 20	5 26	70	00	20	.....	20	9	..	2	2	1	52	86	135	..
Enon.	James B Hobgood, R T Elam, Sam'l Hunt.	1 75	3 50	40 95	17 25	32 50	2 50	.....	3	5	..	3	1	..	36	47	83	..
Fellowship.	B F Lawrence, T H Perry, J O'Brian.	1 50	2 70	75	.....	00	..	.....	4	1	3	8	1	1	29	59	88	..
F. R. Union.	J L Peed, M B Waller, Richard Peed.	1 50		5 60	4 35	00	..	.....	9	0	..	9	2	2	24	84	108	..
Grassy Creek	G W Pittard, G W Royster, J H Gordan.	2 00	13 00	6 46	7 94	2 64	..	.....	38	5	1	9	3	4	105	182	287	33
Henderson.	James H Lassiter, S Dean, H Wilkinson.	1 50	23 74	7 90	5 83	16 00	7 90	.....	4	8	..	9	..	..	33	34	67	..
Hester's.	H Hobgood, M C Dean, L Knott.	2 00	3 90	15 25	2 40	..	7 41	.....	0	9	1	6	1	1	72	106	178	..
Island Creek.	J C Norwood, W H Cutts, H Shanks.	3 00		16 20	13 00	..	....	2 27	17	1	..	1	1	1	88	100	188	..
Mary's Chap.	J Z Allen, Z Wheelows, E W Huskett.	50			....	..	5 00	.....	7	0	..	..	..	1	6	18	24	..
Mill Creek.	J H Gentry, Thos H Street, S R Parham.	1 50	75	9 25	....	....	9 25	.....	20	4	1	5	2	..	....	....	149	..
M't'n Creek.	H T Knott, Z Eakes, W H Blackwell.	1 29	5 70		8 40	4 25	....	.....	2	3	..	15	5	7	75	140	215	..
Mt. Zion.	P Meadows, E H Jones, A Slaughter.	2 50	2o oo	135 00	9 22	9 25	12 00	5 00	15	1	..	4	3	1	82	105	187	..
Mt. Harmony	J W Knott, H W Sweardy, T Sweardy.	1 00		1 60	1 40	..	00	.....	4	0	6	2	2	..	14	29	43	..
New Light.	W T Glenn, L B Mangum.	1 50	3 50	2 50	2 50	..	00	.....	31	6	..	9	1	2	71	135	206	..
North Fork.	W H Wilborn, C W Wilborn, W R Hill.	2 00				..	2 00	.....	14	1	3	2	3	2	57	106	163	..
Oxford.	E C Montague, T T Grandy, F P Hobgood.	1 50	95 00	27 78	34 00	2 00	00	75 00	0	13	..	2	1	3	40	62	182	..
Olive Branch	F Harris, O Yancey, D L Ford.	1 50		5 85		..	5 00	5 00	20	6	..	1	..	..	59	100	169	..
Olive Grove.	F Keith, J Robertson, T Williams.	1 00				..	00	.....	17	7	..	1	..	2	8	16	24	..
Poplar Creek	L R Parham, J L Wright, J L Capps.	1 00	5 50			..	5 60	.....	9	0	..	4	..	1	33	75	148	..
Providence.	J D Ramsey, F R Ramsey, D Gravett.	1 00	2 50	2 50		..	00	.....	9	5	..	2	..	1	....	....	44	..
Pleas't Grove	J W Fuller, W H Adcock, J R Night.					..	00	.....	0	0	..	..	7	1	13	27	40	..
Roxboro.	J J Lansdell, A R Foushee, J C Martin.		11 35	2 50	2 50	..	00	.....	2	2	..	..	..	..	8	9	17	..
Tally Ho.	G W Duncan, S Peed, S P Washington,	1 50		7 00	.....	7 15	3 00	.....	0	0	..	12	1	1	31	61	92	..
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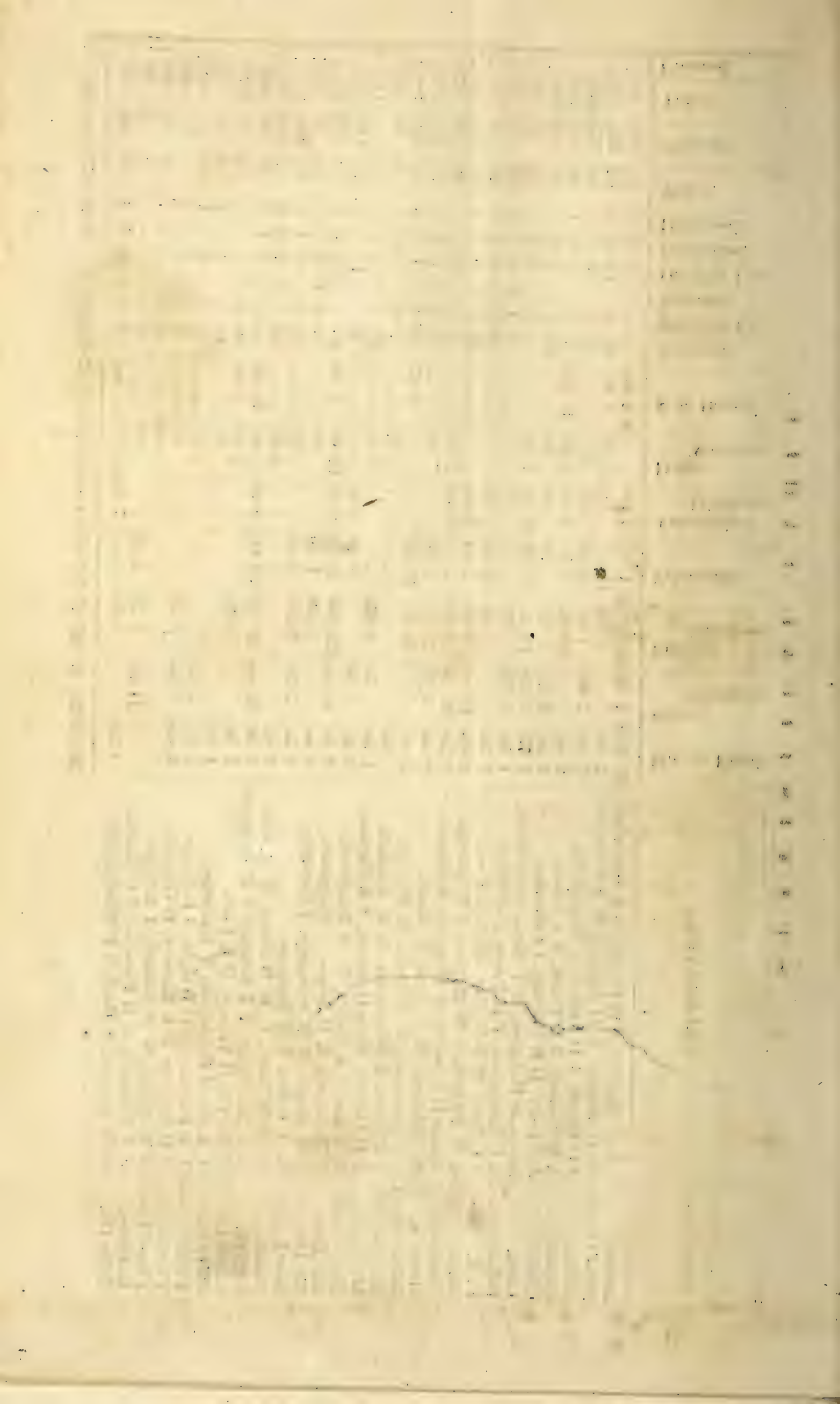

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETIETH SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Fellowship, Granville County, N. C.,

Aug. 14th, 15th and 16th, 1883.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD, ...Oxford, N. C.
CLERK—J. J. LANSDELL, ...Roxboro, "
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM, ...Oxford, "

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PROCEEDINGS.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, August 14th, 1883.

The 90th session of the Flat River Association met with the church at Fellowship to-day, at 11 o'clock a. m.

In the absence of Elder C. A. Jenkins, who was appointed at the last session to preach the introductory sermon, that service was performed by Elder J. S. Hardaway, pastor of the church at Oxford, from Isaiah 52: 1, after which the congregation was dismissed one hour for refreshments, when the Association convened and was called to order by Bro. F. P. Hobgood, former Moderator, who read the first Psalm, and prayer was offered by Elder R. H. Marsh.

The letters from the churches were read, and the following delegates enrolled:

Antioch—John Berry, John Allen.
Amis Chapel—J. H. Chandler, Rufus Mulchi.
Bethel—T. D. Woody, J. A. Pool, J. F. Woody.
Concord—B. Clark, E. P. Coley, A. M. Veazey.
Corinth—J. F. Layton, E. T. Pittard, J. W. Hobgood.
Enon—B. F. Hester, S. T. Hunt, G. B. Elam.
Fellowship—J. P. Beck, B. F. Lawrence, F. J. Bailey.
Flat River Union—Thos. Green, K. T. Roycroft, J. L. Peede.
Grassy Creek—G. N. Pittard, D. T. Winston, J. G. Pittard.
Henderson—J. H. Lassiter, Moses Dean,* L. T. Howard.*
Hester's—Lawson Knott, S. R. Pucket, T. G. Dean.
Island Creek—W. H. Green, W. A. Hicks, H. Cutts.
Mary's Chapel—Jos. Wheeler, Wyatt Perry, H. J. Allen.
Mill Creek—T. H. Street,* J. H. Gentry, S. R. Parham.
Mountain Creek—B. H. Frazier, H. Frazier, W. T. Blackwell.
Mt. Zion—J. J. Meadows, Samuel Jones, E. K. Howard.
Mt. Harmony—Thomas Sweeney, H. C. Sweeney.*
New Light—M. J. Meadows, Z. V. Peede, L. B. Mangum.
North Fork—J. J. Ferrell.* S. H. Sydnor,* W. R. Hill.*
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, F. M. Meadows, O. J. Hays.
Olive Branch—B. W. Harris,* Oscar Yancey, J. E. Melton.*
Olive Grove—J. A. Aiken, William Sharon, V. Wheeler.
Poplar Creek—A. C. Parham, J. E. Callis,* J. T. Barnes.
Providence—F. P. Ramsey, Drury Gravitt, E. W. Oakley.*
Pleasant Grove—J. W. Fuller, J. R. Knight, W. J. Rogers.
Roxboro—J. J. Lansdell, A. R. Foushee.
Tally Ho—Thomas J. Smith, H. T. Beasley, William T. Hunt.

Ballot was taken for the election of officers, which resulted

*Absent.

in the election of the following: Moderator—F. P. Hobgood; Clerk, J. J. Lansdell; Treasurer, A. C. Parham.

An invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by the following: Bro. N. E. Cannady and Rev. E. P. Ellington, of the Central Association; Brethren Calvin Wilder and E. G. Beckwith, of Raleigh, and Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

A petition from a newly constituted church in Person county, called Bethany, was presented, asking membership in the Association; whereupon, on motion of Elder Stradley, a special Committee was appointed, to whom said petition was referred. Said Committee consisted of Elders J. A. Stradley and J. S. Hardaway and Bro. A. C. Parham, who, having examined into the gospel order of said church, reported favorably; and on motion, the church was received as a member of this Association and the delegates given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator. Delegates—W. A. Malone, Sim Carrington, A. B. Tilley.

Committees were appointed on the following subjects:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Fellowship church.
Education—B. F. Hester, Lawson Knott, A. R. Foushee.
Periodicals—Elder E. F. Beachum, J. H. Chandler, F. P. Ramsey.
Foreign Missions—Elder T. J. Horner, B. F. Lawrence, B. Clark.
State Missions—A. M. Veazey, T. H. Street, O. J. Hays.
Sabbath Schools—Elder J. S. Hardaway, Z. V. Peede, W. J. Rogers.
Church Letters—Elders R. H. Marsh and J. J. Lansdell, and F. M. Meadows.
Prayer Meetings—Rev. E. P. Ellington, Samuel Jones, K. T. Roycroft.
Time and Place for the next session of this Association—S. R. Puckett, W. T. Blackwell, B. F. Frazier.
Systematic Beneficence—Elder J. C. Hocut, J. T. Layton, T. D. Woody.
Temperance—Elder J. P. Montague, J. T. Barnes, M. J. Jackson.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow 9½ o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder Horner.

AUGUST 15th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional services conducted by Elder J. P. Montague. Moderator in the chair. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Bro. John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board,—Elder Thos. Carrick, Agent of the Greenville Memorial Church,—Elder A. G. McManaway, of the Tar River Association,—Elder J. S. Purefoy of Wake Forest,

and Prof. W. B. Royall, Chm'n of the Faculty of Wake Forest College, accepted invitations to seats in the Association.

The subject of State Missions was called for, the report read and the subject discussed by Bro. John E. Ray and Elders Bailey and Lansdell, and the report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee appointed to report on this important part of our labor, feel gratified at the prospects of the State at large. During the past Conventional year the State Mission Board did a grand work for Jesus. Many new churches were organized in the State and a larger number of church houses erected than previously in any one year. The number of mission fields increased, and consequently an increased number of missionaries have been employed by the State Board for the present year. Your Committee recommend that as new fields of labor are occupied, it is incumbent on the churches to make increased efforts to pay the laborers systematically, and not to relax their efforts until all the destitute portions of the State, from the extreme west to the seacoast, have the gospel preached to them as the Great Head of the church directed, and as advocated by Baptists. There are many important towns and fields yet to be occupied, and your Committee earnestly urge the brethren in the name of the Master, who has commanded us to go and teach all, not to rest on their armor until that great command is complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. VEAZEY,
O. J. HAYS,
Committee.

The subject of Associational Missions was called for, when Bro. J. J. Meadows made a verbal statement, and the subject was discussed by Elders Horner, Pittard, Marsh, Stradley, Hardaway and Lansdell. Subsequently a written report was made and remanded with instructions to give a history of the work during the year.

The report on Periodicals was read, and discussed by Elder Bailey, Editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and Elder Marsh, and the report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to say, that we are glad to report an increasing disposition on the part of our people to take and read our religious journals. A larger number of religious papers are circulated in our families, churches and Sunday schools than ever before. We recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER as well worthy the patronage of every family in the Flat River Association, and throughout the bounds of the State. Its present circulation is about four thousand five hundred.

Kind Words, published at Macon, Georgia, is extending its usefulness and finding a place in nearly every Baptist Sunday school in

the State. We also recommend to the Baptists of this Association the *Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, Va., as well worthy our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. CHANDLER,
E. F. BEACHUM,
F. P. RAMSEY,
Committee.

The report on Education was read, and discussed by Prof. W. B. Royall, Elders Bailey, Horner and Marsh.

Pending the discussion the Association adjourned till to-morrow ten o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder Stradley.

AUGUST 16th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Carrick. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The discussion of the subject of Education was resumed, when Prof. W. B. Royall made remarks bearing directly on Ministerial Education. Pledges were then called for from the delegates as to the amount they thought could be raised by their respective churches during the following year for this purpose, when the following amounts were specified:

Amis Chapel	$10 00	Hester's	$10 00
Bethel	15 00	Island Creek	20 00
Concord	10 00	Mill Creek	15 00
Corinth	10 00	Mountain Creek	10 00
Enon	20 00	Mt. Harmony	3 00
Henderson	30 00	Olive Branch	10 00
Oxford	40 00	Poplar Creek	10 00
Flat River Union	10 00	Providence	5 00
Grassy Creek	10 00	Roxboro	5 00

The delegates from Mt. Zion stated that they would do the best they could. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is probably more interest taken now in the subject of general education, and greater efforts are being made by the people to educate their children, than ever before in this Association. And the facilities afforded by our College at Wake Forest, and the institute for young ladies at Oxford, together with academies and high schools conducted by brethren within our bounds, tend to encourage this spirit of progress. We learn that forty-one young ministers were in attendance at Wake Forest last session, thirty-two of whom were

aided by the Education Board of the Baptist State Convention. This necessitates a large expenditure of means, and we confidently recommend this work to the support of the brethren and their enlarged contributions.

B. F. HESTER,
LAWSON KNOTT,
A. R. FOUSHEE,
Committee.

On motion, the order of business was then suspended, and Elder Carrick invited to address the Association in behalf of the Memorial Church at Greenville, and a collection taken for that object as follows: Cash $24.95, pledges $37.50. Amount previously collected from the churches and brethren of the Association, $19.40.

The report on Foreign Missions was read, and the subject discussed by Elder McManaway, who stated that the State Mission Board had asked for $500 from the churches of this Association for Foreign Missions during the present Conventional year, and that only $65 of that amount was lacking up to this date. Remarks by Elder Hardaway. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Ever since the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" was given, the world has been our mission field. Christianity is aggressive and aims to conquer the world for Christ. The success that has attended the labors of our missionaries in foreign lands, ought to encourage our churches at home to put forth every effort to support our brethren who are already in the fields, and to induce others to go to their assistance. In the language of last year's report, "Let every Baptist pray, work and give, and we may hope soon to have the world for Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HORNER,
Chm'n Com.

The report on Home Missions was called for and read, and discussed by Elder McManaway, and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board is carried on under the supervision and direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. The mission of this Board is, as far as possible, to supply all destitute places in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention with the regular preaching of the gospel, and also to render aid to weak churches at important points until they can become self-supporting. In this way many of the best churches of the South have been established. This Board is also doing a noble work for Christ among the Chinese of California and the Indians of the Territories.

This is the noble christian work that has been so long and so faithfully represented among us by the lamented Elias Dodson. And now that this purest and best of God's servants will no more come to our homes and our churches to plead for this cause, let us see to it that regular and liberal contributions go up from all our churches to carry forward this work that has been so signally blest of God in the past.

J. A. STRADLEY,
W. A. HICKS,
H. J. ALLEN,
Committee.

The amended report on Associational Missions was read, and remarks made by Elder Marsh and Brethren B. F. Hester and A. C. Parham, and the report further amended by appointing the following sisters to raise funds in their respective churches for Associational Missions during the ensuing year, to-wit:

Amis Chapel—Mrs. R. A. Stovall.
Antioch—Mrs. Ruffin Rhew.
Bethel—Mrs. Moses S. Jones.
Concord—Mrs. Samuel Clark.
Corinth—Mrs. Lue Y. Pittard.
Enon—Mrs. Eliza Currin.
Fellowship—Mrs. B. F. Lawrence.
Grassy Creek—Mrs. George Royster.
Henderson—Mrs. Hattie Lassiter.
Hester's—Julia Knott.
Island Creek—Anna Gill.
Mary's Chapel—Mary Allen.
Mill Creek—Emily Clayton.
Flat River Union—Rachel Roycroft.
Mountain Creek—Mrs. J. A. Watkins.
Mt. Zion—Alice Gooch.
Mt. Harmony—Mrs. Lucy Knott.
New Light—Theodore Jackson.
Oxford—Lizzie Marsh.
Olive Branch—Bettie Melton.
Pleasant Grove—Carrie Rogers.
Poplar Creek—Sarah Ellington.
Providence—Mrs. Rebecca Nelson.
Tally Ho—Sally Thornison.
Roxboro—Mrs. A. R. Foushee.
Olive Grove—Mrs. Wm. Sharon.
Bethany—Sarah Copley.

Brethren B. F. Winston, Ruffin Woody, J. J. Meadows, A. T. Shanks, J. H. Lassiter, L. Knott and — Gordon were appointed a Committee for Associational Missions for the ensuing year, and

Brethren Lawson Knott, A. T. Shanks and J. H. Lassiter were appointed an Executive Committee for the Associational Committee for Missions. The report was then adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS FOR 1882-'83.

We have had Elder T. J. Horner employed to preach at Bumpass' X Roads one Sabbath in each month. Having no suitable place to hold services, he was excused from service during the winter. Resuming work in March, it was continued regularly until the 5th Sunday in July, when he, assisted by Elders M. V. McDuffie and C. F. Humphries, began a meeting which lasted seven days. At its close seventeen persons were baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Zion church.

During the spring of 1883, it was thought expedient to attempt the building of a house of worship at this point. The neighborhood was canvassed and a considerable sum was secured, which, supplemented by the contributions of some of the churches, enabled us to build a neat house without touching the funds sent in for Associational Missions.

We have thought it advisable to constitute a church to worship in this house. So on Monday, the fifth of August, 1883, we organized a church called Bethany, of fifteen members, who start off with a good house and free from debt. They have called Elder Horner as pastor for next year. They will not be able to pay him enough without further aid from the Association.

At Beaver Pond Elder G. N. Pittard has been preaching. No special evidences of success at this point.

Elder J. S. Hardaway has been preaching at Kittrell's once each month since February, 1883. Services are held in the chapel of the school at the Springs. The congregations have been good, and he hopes sometime in October to hold a meeting here, aided by Bro. J. E. Hutson. The field is at present occupied by other denominations, but we ought, with the help of God, to go up and possess the land, for we are able.

For reasons that we thought good and sufficient, nothing was done at the point below Townesville, indicated by the Association.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Received		$288 20
Paid Elder C. F. Humphries	$ 6 00	
" " M. V. McDuffie	7 20	
" " T. J. Horner	75 00	
" " G. N. Pittard	75 00	
" " J. S. Hardaway	75 00	
" by order of Association to Roxboro church	50 00	
		$288 20

J. J. MEADOWS,
Chm'n of Board.

Elder Stradley was, on motion, appointed a special Committee to draft a resolution in regard to the Sabbath School Institute.

The Committee on Time and Place for the next meeting of the Association reported Grassy Creek as the place, and Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August, 1884, as the time, and Elder T. J. Horner to preach the introductory sermon.

Elder Stradley moved to amend by striking out "Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August," and inserting "Tuesday after the second Sabbath in October," which was lost by nearly a unanimous vote, and the report as made by the Committee was adopted.

The report on Church Letters was read and adopted. (See page 13.)

Reports on Temperance, Prayer Meetings and Systematic Beneficence were read and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

So far as we can learn, the churches of the Flat River Association promptly withdraws fellowship from any person who engages in the sale or manufacture of alcoholic spirits. And the teaching of our ministers is to abandon entirely the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

J. P. MONTAGUE,
J. P. BARNES,
M. J. JACKSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

As food regularly taken is necessary to sustain animal life, so prayer is essential to spiritual development. We therefore recommend that the messengers of each church urge their respective churches to encourage prayer meetings by their presence and labors.

E. P. ELLINGTON,
SAMUEL JONES,
K. T. ROYCROFT,
Committee.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

God in all his works is seen as a systematic benefactor. "We are laborers together with God," and we should take him not only as our guide, but also as our pattern. We receive from our Father systematically, and we should *give* accordingly. Our "rule of faith and practice" says, "Let every one of you, upon the first day of the week, lay by in store as the Lord hath prospered him." Again, the *needs* of those upon whom our deeds of beneficence are bestowed, are systematic, hence our deeds should accord therewith. In using system, we may claim God's blessing, and in no other way.

Respectfully,

JOHN C. HOCUT,
J. F. LAYTON,
JOHN F. WOODEY,
Committee.

Elder Stradley, as special Committee, offered the following, which was adopted:

We recommend that our Sabbath School Institute be continued, and that a committee of three be appointed to select subjects for discussion, and time and place for meetings."

In pursuance of the foregoing report, Brethren B. D. Howard, T. J. Smith and A. C. Parham were appointed a Committee on S. S. Institutes for the ensuing year.

Brethren B. F. Hester, J. H. Lassiter and F. P. Hobgood were appointed delegates to represent the Association in the next meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

The Treasurer made his report, which was approved.

A. C. PARHAM, *Treasurer, in Account with Flat River Association.*

CHURCHES.	Contingent Fund.	Education.		For. Missions.		Home Missi'ns.		Sun. School.		State Missi'ns.		Asso. Missi'ns.	
		Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Forw.	Cash Rec'd.
Amis' Chapel,	$ 2 00		$ 7 90	$ 12 65							$ 16 72		$ 12 32
Antioch,	1 50			9 55	$ 10 50						8 25		
Bethel,	1 80		10 00		32 20						10 75		
Bethany,	1 00												
Concord,	1 50	$ 10 00		11 40		$ 5 25				$ 14 70			27 65
Corinth,	2 00		4 48		4 14		$ 4 14						6 00
Enon,	1 70		33 60		44 25		3 75				3 95		14 70
Fellowship,	2 25	2 48									2 26		
Flat River Union,	1 50	4 00		8 45						7 30			11 65
Grassy Creek,	2 00	10 00		6 42						7 00			13 50
Henderson,	1 50	50 00		16 50									
Hester's,	2 00	2 00	4 90	4 35	10 55	5 59	2 67			8 59	1 55		71 18
Island Creek,	3 00	22 94		16 22		13 55		$ 1 50		18 00			21 50
Mill Creek,	1 50				20 85						5 00		3 00
Mountain Creek,	2 00		5 25	6 50						6 70			10 00
Mt. Zion,	2 00		14 19		129 48		6 19				7 19		35 25
Mt. Harmony,	1 00		2 00		3 50								
New Light,	1 50		3 30		3 30						3 30		
North Fork,	2 00												
Oxford,	1 50	38 34		16 67		15 50					20 00		36 76
Olive Branch,	1 50				8 75		8 75						
Pleasant Grove,	1 50												
Providence,	1 50				2 72		2 72						
Poplar Creek,	1 50		3 79		27 16		2 00			5 00	11 61		18 56
Tally Ho,	1 50				13 24		75				1 50		

Mary's Chapel,	50												
Olive Grove,*	1 25												13
Roxboro,	1 00	5 00			7 75					5 00	1 75		6 00
Tar River Acad'y S. S.,					6 27								
	$45 50	$139 72	$ 79 41	$108 00	$324 66	$ 39 89	$ 30 97	$ 1 50		$ 81 74	$ 93 83		$288 20

Whole amount cash received, ... $ 862 64
Amount forwarded, ... 370 85

Whole amount, ... $1,233 49

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PARHAM, *Treasurer.*

*Paid by Association, 13 cents.

A Sabbath School at Tar River Academy sent up to the Association $6.27, without designating the object to which it was to be applied; and it was ordered that it be applied to Foreign Missions.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Board of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Prayer by Elder Purefoy.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

NOTE.

Elder Pittard preached at the stand Tuesday afternoon; Elder Carrick, Wednesday a. m., and Elder McManaway in the afternoon. No preaching on Thursday in consequence of rain.

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missi'ns.	Foreign Missi'ns.	Home Missi'ns.	Sunday Schools.	Associa'l Missi'ns.	Church Ext'ns'n.	Orphan Asylum.	Aid to D. W. Herring.	Other Objects.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,	$ 7 90	$ 16 72	$ 12 65			$ 12 32		$ 10 00	$ 29 30		$ 59 59
Antioch,	5 00	8 25	20 05								33 30
Bethel,	10 00	10 75	32 20					18 40	8 00		79 35
Concord,	10 00	14 70	11 40	$ 5 25	$ 16 00	26 50			13 00		83 85
Corinth,	4 48		4 14			6 00					14 62
Enon,	23 60	3 95	44 25	3 75		14 70	$ 88 75		30 00		208 30
Fellowship,	2 48	2 00									4 48
Flat River Union,	4 00	7 30	8 45		8 39	11 65	16 30				56 09
Grassy Creek,	10 00	7 00	6 42			13 50					36 92
Henderson,	50 00	9 45	16 50			12 81	35 00			$ 35 00	158 76
Hester's,	6 90	9 09	14 90	8 26	20 82	71 18	46 10	15 00	24 73	3 60	220 58
Island Creek,	22 95	18 00	16 22	13 55	1 50	21 50	16 80		23 00	3 70	137 22
Mary's Chapel,											
Mill Creek,		5 00	20 85			3 00		13 56	7 00		49 41
Mountain Creek,	5 25	6 70	6 50			10 00	18 00		33 81		80 26
Mt. Zion,	14 19	7 19	129 48	6 19		35 25	178 50		50 00		420 88
Mt. Harmony,	2 00		3 50								5 50
New Light,	3 30	3 30	3 30								9 90
North Fork,											
Oxford,	38 34	20 00	16 67	15 50		36 26	34 00		23 00		183 77
Olive Branch,			8 75	8 75	12 00				2 00		31 50
Poplar Creek,	3 79	26 61	27 16	2 56	15 50	18 56	20 00				114 18
Providence,			2 72	2 72							4 14
Roxboro,	5 00	1 75	7 75		6 75	6 00					27 25
Tally Ho,		1 50	4 55	75	10 75		48 00		14 00		79 55
	$ 231 18	$ 179 26	$ 417 91	$ 67 38	$ 91 71	$ 288 20	$ 501 45	$ 56 96	$ 215 54	$ 42 30	$ 2,150 92
Collection at Association for Greenville Church,							24 95				24 95
							$ 526 40				$ 2,175 87

Table of Pastors, Clerks, Post Offices and Days of Meetings.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Antioch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, N. C.,	J. L. Wilkerson,	Roxboro, N. C.,	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	W. T. Chandler,	Buchanan, "	1st " " " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "	S. C. Humphries,	Bethel Hill, "	3rd " " " "
Bethany,	T. J. Horner,	Henderson, "	W. A. Malone,		
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	Samuel Clark,	Dutchville, N. C.,	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Corinth,	R. I. Devin,	Oxford, "	L. Hobgood,	Oxford, "	2nd " " " "
Enon,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "	J. P. Cannady,	Oxford, "	4th " " " "
Fellowship,	J. C. Hocut,	Dayton, "	T. H. Perry,	Beck, "	4th " " " "
Flat River Union,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	C. A. Peede,	Knap of Reeds, N.C.	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Oxford, "	B. T. Winston,	Young's X Roads, "	4th " " " "
Henderson,	M. V. McDuffie,	Henderson, "	W. D. Horner,	Henderson, "	1st, 2nd and 3rd Sabbath.
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "	Lawson Knott,	Oxford, "	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	H. T. Shanks,	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " " "
Mary's Chapel,	E. F. Beachum,	Franklinton, "	J. Z. Allen,	Grissom, "	1st " " " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Gentry,	Mill Creek, "	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Oxford, "	D. W. Eakes,	Oak Hill, "	3rd " " " "
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Henderson, "	M. Blalock,	Berea, "	1st " " " "
Mt. Harmony,	C. F. Humphries,	Oxford, "	H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah, "	4th " " " "
New Light,	J. C. Hocut,	Dayton, "	Z. V. Peede,	Rogers' Store, "	2nd " " " "
North Fork,	E. J. Montague,	Gibbons, "	W. P. Hill,	Red Banks, Va.,	4th " " " "
Oxford,	J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, "	W. P. Stradley,	Oxford, N. C.,	1st, 3rd and 4th Sabbath.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Olive Grove,	J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers' Stere, "	J. A. Aiken,	Dutchville, "	2nd " " " "
Poplar Creek,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "	J. L. Capps,		1st " " " "
Providence,	E. J. Montague,	Gibbons, "	A. C. Long,	Roxboro, N. C.,	1st " " " "
Pleasant Grove,	J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers' Store, "	J. W. Fuller,	Wilton, "	1st " " " "
Roxboro,	J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro, "	A. R Foushee,	Roxboro, "	2nd Sabbath.
Tally Ho,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "	S. P. Washington,	Tally Ho, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND PERIODICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	Amount Raised.	Conversions.
Antioch,			1	--	38	---	$ 11 00	--
Amis' Chapel,*	A. H. Garner,	Buchanan,	1	6	60	---	-------	--
Bethel,	J. B. Barrett,	Bethel Hill,	2	3	20	10	3 02	--
Bethel,	J. L. Gentry,	Bethel Hill,	--	7	40	12	10 25	--
Bethany,	W. A. Malone,		1	--	----	---	-------	--
Concord,†	A. M. Veazey,	Kn'p of R'ds,	1	4	45	---	16 00	--
Corinth,	L. Hobgood,		1	6	40	---	-------	--
Enon,	B. F. Hester,	Oxford,	1	7	----	119	-------	6
Flat River Union,	A. M. Veazey,	Kn'p of R'ds,	1	3	30	---	-------	--
Grassy Creek,	G. N. Pittard,		4	4	38	---	-------	--
Grassy Creek,	C. M. Gorden,		--	5	76	---	-------	--
Grassy Creek,	W. S. Gorden,		--	5	50	---	-------	--
Grassy Creek,	D. T. Winston,		--	4	50	---	-------	--
Hester's,	Lawson Knott,	Oxford,	--	12	75	---	20 82	--
Island Creek,	J. L. Kelly,		3	--	----	---	-------	--
	P. B. Sneed,	Williamsb'ro,	--	--	120	---	-------	--
	G. O'Briant,		--	--	----	---	-------	--
Mary's Chapel,‡	Jos. Wheeler,	Grissom,	1	4	70	---	-------	--
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street,	Mill Creek,	1	8	52	---	1 00	--
Mountain Creek,	W. S. Eakes,		1	--	----	---	-------	--
Mt. Zion,	B. D. Howard,		1	--	60	---	-------	--
Mt. Harmony,§	Thomas Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah,	1	4	40	---	-------	--
North Fork,	C. S. Hilt,		1	--	----	---	-------	--
Oxford,‖	F. P. Hobgood,	Oxford,	1	--	150	150	60 00	--
Olive Branch,	J. C. Humphries,	Mill Creek,	1	--	40	---	-------	--
Poplar Creek,	A. C. Parham,		1	7	50	---	14 54	--
Providence,			1	--	----	---	-------	--
Roxboro,**	J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro,	1	5	30	75	6 75	--
Tally Ho,	H. T. Beasley,	Tally Ho,	1	4	25	---	8 69	--
			28	98	1,099	366	$152 07	6

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS TAKEN.

*Kind Words 25, Lesson Cards 24.
†Kind Words 22, Biblical Recorder 10.
‡Biblical Recorder 1, Royal Road 2, Sabbath Home 5, Weekly Magnet 4.
§Biblical Recorder 3.
‖Kind Words 41, Ad. Qr. 80, Little Ones 30.
**Young Reaper 10, Sun Light 10, Ad. Qr. 10, Biblical Recorder 4, Religious Herald 1, Christian Herald 1.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salaries.	Incidental Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Colored.
Antioch	$100 00	-------	---	--	--	1	2	--	13	34	47	--
Amis' Chapel	150 00	-------	---	--	--	6	1	3	55	96	151	--
Bethel	100 00	-------	---	--	--	1	--	2	56	110	166	--
Bethany	-------	-------	---	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	15	--
Concord	150 00	$100 00	---	2	--	2	1	1	29	71	100	--
Corinth	-------	-------	12	3	--	5	2	--	52	91	143	--
Enon	-------	-------	6	4	--	5	1	--	37	46	83	--
Fellowship	100 00	55 00	15	3	--	1	--	2	34	70	104	--
Flat River Union	150 00	-------	9	2	--	--	1	--	30	89	119	--
Grassy Creek	200 00	-------	---	--	--	7	1	1	99	177	309	33
Henderson	600 00	128 28	3	11	1	4	3	--	39	34	73	--
Hester's	200 00	26 50	17	4	--	4	1	--	84	107	191	--
Island Creek	200 00	-------	3	1	--	1	2	5	83	95	178	--
Mary's Chapel	-------	-------	---	1	5	--	--	--	10	20	30	--
Mill Creek	100 00	5 00	21	8	1	1	--	--	42	92	134	--
Mountain Creek	-------	-------	18	3	--	4	11	1	72	143	215	--
Mt. Zion	-------	-------	34	6	1	21	2	3	85	115	200	--
Mt. Harmony	-------	-------	---	--	--	--	--	--	14	28	42	--
New Light	100 00	-------	5	1	--	4	2	1	66	135	201	--
North Fork	-------	-------	---	--	--	2	5	--	54	101	155	--
Oxford	650 00	166 73	---	8	--	8	1	1	35	56	91	--
Olive Branch	100 00	-------	---	--	--	1	2	--	56	110	166	--
Olive Grove	50 00	-------	---	1	--	3	--	--	7	13	20	--
Poplar Creek	150 00	-------	7	11	--	--	2	1	40	79	119	--
Providence	-------	-------	---	--	--	--	--	1	18	29	47	--
Pleasant Grove	-------	-------	4	--	--	--	3	1	15	26	41	--
Roxboro	100 00	88 00	---	--	--	--	--	--	7	9	16	--
Tally Ho	-------	-------	6	--	--	2	2	1	35	57	92	--
			160	69	8	83	45	24	1,167	2,033	3,248	33

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	IF PASTOR.	RESIDENCE.
Atkinson, J. W.	Roger's Store, N. C.	Pastor.	Wake County.
Devin, R. I.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Horner, T. J.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson.
Humphries, C. F.	Oxford, "	"	Granville County.
Hardaway, J. S.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Lansdell, J. J.	Roxboro, "	"	Roxboro.
Marsh, R. H.	Oxford. "	"	Oxford.
Montague, Jno. E.	Bethel Hill, "	"	Person County.
Montague, E. J.	Gibbon, "	"	"
McDuffie, M. V.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson,
Pittard, G. N.	... .	"	Granville County.
Stradley, J. A.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.

Proceedings.

Grassy Creek Church, August 12th, 1884.

The Flat River Association met with the Grassy Creek church to-day at 11 o'clock, in its 91st session. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. J. Horner, from Isaiah 35: 10. After an intermission of one hour the Association was called to order by Bro. F. P. Hobgood, former Moderator, the 121st Psalm was read and prayer offered by Elder J. A. Stradley.

The roll of the churches being called, the letters were read, and the following delegates enrolled, to-wit:

Antioch—J. W. Denny, J. R. Berry, M. W. Jordan.*
Amis' Chapel—E. N. Wilkerson, A. H. Garner, H. S. Nelson.
Bethany—R. C. Jones, James Copley, Guy Sweeney.
Bethel—W. T. Woody, Ruffin Woody, H. T. Rudder.*
Concord—E. C. Coley, Simeon Green, J. D. Clark.*
Corinth—J. I. Gordon, A. A. Clay, D. E. Bobbitt.*
Enon—B. F. Hester, R. T. Elam, Jos. F. Currin.
Fellowship—H. O'Briant,* T. C. Jones,* D. R. Withers.*
Flat River Union—M. W. B. Veazey,* J. L. Peed,* Wm. Tippett.*
Grassy Creek—J. R. Callahan, Thos. Wilson, G. V. Throchmorton.
Henderson—S. Dean, S. H. Allen,* P. Wilkinson.*
Hester's—S. R. Pucket, M. L. Traylor, Lawson Knott.
Island Creek—R. L. Dunn, R. A. Gill, H. T. Shanks.
Mary's Chapel—J. Z. Allen, J. Wheelous, H. J. Allen.
Mill Creek—R. C. Pugh, S. A. Clayton, J. H. Gentry.
Mountain Creek—W. S. Eakes, G. W. Watkins, B. W. Eakes.
Mt. Zion—M. Blalock, D. J. Gooch, B. D. Howard.
Mt. Harmony—E. J. Montague, D. E. Peed,* D. W. Knott.
New Light—E. P. Hester,* Allen Bailey,* L. B. Mangum.*
North Fork—W. H. Wilborn, C. W. Wilborn, S. H. Sydnor.*
Oxford—F. M. Meadows, F. P. Hobgood, J. M. Currin.
Olive Branch—B. W. Harris, J. J. Drumwright, B. R. Puryear.
Olive Grove—Not represented.
Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, A. C. Parham, W. A. Parham.
Providence—J. D. Ramsey, Drury Gravitt, E. W. Oakley.*
Pleasant Grove—J. W. Fuller,* W. H. Adcock,* S. J. Rogers.*
Roxboro—A. R. Foushee, J. J. Lansdell, W. R. Clinard.*
Tally Ho—S. P. Washington, W. C. Peed, J. O. Bratcher.

*Absent.

Ballot was taken for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: *Moderator*—F. P. Hobgood; *Clerk*—J. J. Lansdell; *Treasurer*—A. C. Parham.

On motion, an invitation was extended to visiting brethren to seats in the body: C. T. Bailey, D. D., editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, accepted the invitation.

Committees were appointed on the following subjects:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Grassy Creek church.
Periodicals—R. H. Marsh, J. C. Currin, T. C. Jones.
Education—J. S. Hardaway, M. W. B. Veazey, S. Dean.
Foreign Missions—J. A. Stradley, M. L. Traylor, R. A. Gill.
State Missions—E. P. Ellington, J. Z. Allen, R. C. Pugh.
Sunday Schools—B. D. Howard and the Committee on Sunday School Institutes.
Church Letters—B. F. Hester, J. M. Currin, B. W. Harris.
Prayer Meetings—J. E. Montague, G. W. Wright, J. D. Ramsey.
Time and Place of Next Meeting—M. Blalock, W. C. Peed, R. C. Jones.
Systematic Beneficence—A. C. Parham, A. R. Foushee, L. B. Mangum.
Temperance—F. M. Meadows, D. W. Knott, E. C. Coley.
Home Missions—R. I. Devin, Geo. Watkins, W. A. Parham.

The Committee on Periodicals reported, and after remarks by C. T. Bailey, D. D., and J. J. Lansdell, the report was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would repeat what has been so often stated in this body, that the importance of a good religious paper in the families of our churches cannot be overestimated. It informs the head of the family of the great work being done by the servants of Christ, throughout the State and the world; quickens his interest in all the work of the church, and brings joy and gladness to the heart of all. To the children of our homes it is a great educator and stimulant, and goes far toward training them to walk in paths of rectitude. No church or pastor can afford to live without it. It helps in all departments of our work. Your committee, therefore, recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER, price $2.00 per year, and *Kind Words*, to all our brethren, and would urge them to read the papers. We also call attention to the *Living Preacher*, to be published at an early day by Rev. J. J. Lansdell, to this body, as worthy of a place in our homes. This will be a monthly, at $1.00 a year, and will not occupy any field now occupied in the churches.

R. H. MARSH, } *Com.*
J. C. CURRIN, }

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow at 9½ o'clock A. M.

Preaching at the stand to-day at 3 o'clock, by Elder J. S. Hardaway.

WEDNESDAY, August 13th.

The Association met to day according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. A. Stradley. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and corrected.

Elder J. S. Purefoy, of the Central Association, and Prof. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest College, accepted the invitation to seats in the Association. Elder Purefoy said that he believed this was the first time he ever visited the Association having no special business; that he just came to see the brethren and be with them.

The report on Education was read, remarks made by Prof. Taylor, Elder Horner, Elder Lansdell and Bro. F. P. Hobgood, and the report adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

No Board commends itself to our consideration more forcibly than the Board of Education. The hope of all our Boards is an educated ministry—a ministry wise to divide aright the word of truth. It would seem that the churches would rally around this Board with an ever increasing enthusiasm, but how often are we reminded by appeals from the Board that it is sometimes sadly embarrassed. Such was the case during the past year, and the Board is still greatly embarrassed as to its future action. The churches should never be satisfied until they contribute sufficient funds to give every worthy young minister in North Carolina as thorough fitness as possible for the work of the ministry. It is gratifying to mark the continued prosperity of the excellent schools in our bounds. The Horner Male School at Henderson, and the Oxford Female Seminary merit our patronage, and are schools of which we may well be proud.

J. S. HARDAWAY,
D. G. GOOCH, } *Com.*
S. DEAN,

Pending the discussion on the above report the following pledges were made by the delegates, for their respective churches, for the Board of Education at Wake Forest College, to the extent that they would try to have the amounts raised, to-wit:

Antioch $5; Amis' Chapel $10; Bethel $10; Concord $10; Corinth $10; Enon $20; Flat River Union $10; Grassy Creek $15; Hester's $10; Island Creek $20; Mill Creek $15; Mountain Creek $15; Olive Branch $10; Roxboro $5; Mount Zion $30; Oxford $50; Mary's Chapel $2.

The report on Foreign Missions was read, and discussed by Elders Stradley, Horner, Lansdell, Hardaway, Purefoy and Marsh, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved 1: That the fact that God is so abundantly blessing our Foreign Mission work, ought to make every Christian increasingly thankful and liberal in the support of this good work.

Resolved 2: That the Baptists of North Carolina should be *specially* interested in the Foreign Mission work, owing to the fact that God has called from our own State, to this, Dr. M. T. Yates, one of the oldest, greatest and best of Missionaries, and that He has recently called to the same work, our young and talented brethren, D. W. Herring and R. T. Briant.

Resolved 3: That we, as an Association, will undertake to bear one-half or more of the expenses of a Foreign Missionary.

J. A. STRADLEY,
M. L. TAYLOR,
R. A. GILL,
} *Com.*

On motion, the order of business was suspended to hear a statement from Elder Horner, of his work as Missionary for the Association, during the past year. He gave a graphic statement of his labors and success with the Bethany church, Person County.

The report on State Missions was read, and after remarks by Rev. E. P. Ellington, Bro. Pugh, Dr. Bailey, Elder Purefoy, and a collection of $21.30 for Mary's Chapel, the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, The work of the State Mission Board reaches the destitution in our State which cannot be successfully met otherwise:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association support it liberally by their prayers, labor and means.

E. P. ELLINGTON,
J. Z. ALLEN,
R. C. PUGH,
} *Com.*

The report on Associational Missions was read. Remarks by Elder Pittard, Bro. Traylor, Elder Lansdell, Bro. B. F. Hester and Bro. Howard; and J. J. Meadows, H. T. Shanks and G. N. Pittard were appointed Executive Committee for Associational Missions the ensuing year. [Not handed in.]

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Sunday School Institutes beg leave to submit the following:

During the Associational year Sunday School Institutes have been held at Providence, Concord and Poplar Creek. At Providence there was but a small attendance, owing to the fact that they failed

to get the notice of the meeting. At Concord we had a large congregation, and we think good was accomplished. At Poplar Creek we had a very good time. The presence of Bro. Ray added much interest to the meeting. He made us a fine speech on State Missions, and we then took up a collection for the same amounting to $14.02.

Respectfully snbmitted,

B. D. HOWARD, } *Com.*
A. C. PARHAM, }

The committee on Prayer Meetings made the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

All christians feel the importance of earnest and continual prayer; but a concert of prayer is more beneficial in its effects on the churches and individuals. We therefore recommend to all our churches the importance of weekly prayer meetings.

Respectfully,

J. E. MONTAGUE, } *Com.*
J. D. RAMSEY, }

The Committee on time and place for the next meeting of the Association reported Hester's as the place, and Tuesday after the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1885, as the time, and Elder M. V. McDuffie to preach the Introductory Sermon; all of which was adopted.

The Association adjourned till to-morrow ten o'clock. Preaching at the stand to-day, 11 a. m., by Elder R. H. Marsh, and 3 p. m., by Elder C. E. Taylor.

THURSDAY, August 14th.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. A. C. Parham. Minutes read and corrected.

The report on Systematic Beneficence was read, and after remarks by Elders Marsh, Stradley, Hardaway, Lansdell, Brethren A. C. Parham, Dean, Gordon, Elder E. J. Montague, Bro. Howard and Elder Purefoy, the same was adopted, as follows:

One great defect in our benevolent operations is the want of system. Too much is left to be done at the close of the Associational year, which produces too great a strain at one time. In each church it would be well to raise contributions at stated intervals during the year for one object at a time, and let that object be well understood. This plan would prevent confusion, and enable the contributors to act much more intelligently. Each pastor should instruct

the church which he serves as to the various objects claiming our regular contributions, and urge their importance as a part of the service we owe to God, and see that contributions are raised. A pastor who fails to inform himself and to instruct the members of his charge on benevolence, fails at a most important point. A very efficient means of giving instruction on this subject is the encouragement of our own current literature. While literature published in other States may be good, yet it does not and cannot give that regular information furnished by our own publications, which is so necessary to keep us abreast with the work and in sympathy with it. Those churches do most according to their means that have regular system; those do least which have the least system, and those having no system do nothing.

A. R. FOUSHEE, } *Com.*
A. C. PARHAM, }

The report on Temperance was read. Remarks by Elders Stradley and Marsh, and Brethren F. M. Meadows and B. F. Hester. Elder Marsh thought it a bad sign to see church members going into grog shops; that such places should be avoided. Bro. Hester spoke of two doors to grog shops —the front door and the back door; that if you go into the back door and patronize the establishment secretly, the keeper will insult you by telling it the first opportunity. Report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would emphasize the opinion, often repeated by this Association, that intemperance, especially in the use of ardent spirits, is an alarming evil, ruinous to soul and body, for time and eternity. We believe the only prudent and safe course for church members is *total abstinence*. To the churches we would commend firm, prompt and brotherly assistance in the reclamation of offenders. The object of discipline is to reclaim. The best way of avoiding the habit of intemperance is private counsel, labor and prayer on the first appearance of an evil tendency. Delay at this critical moment often results in confirmed habits of drunkenness. To be faithful, our churches must do their whole duty in private before arraigning the offender before the church. When private efforts fail, prompt and impartial action by the church should follow. The stigma of harboring drunken members must be blotted from our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. MEADOWS, } *Com.*
E. C. COLEY, }

The Committee on Church Letters made the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Clerk is instructed to prepare a full tabulated statement of the finances of the churches as reported in their letters and publish the same in the minutes of the Association.

B. F. HESTER,
J. M. CURRIN, } *Com.*

The report on Home Missions was read. Remarks by Elder Stradley. The Clerks of the churches were appointed to bring the subject of Home Missions before their respective churches. Report adopted, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing a great work. It is trying to supply all the destitute portions of the Southern States with the Gospel, to aid feeble churches in supporting their pastors at important places, and also to send the Gospel to the Indians. This work commends itself to our hearty co-operation and support. We should pray for and contribute cheerfully in furthering this grand work.

That all our brethren and sisters may have an opportunity to give to Home Missions, your Committee would recommend the appointment of one brother in each church composing this body, whose business it shall be to bring this subject before his church and secure contributions for the same.

Respectfully,

R. I. DEVIN,
W. A. PARHAM,
G. W. WATKINS, } *Com.*

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. [Not to hand.]

Ordered that $2.31 in the hands of the Treasurer unapplied be given to the Lincolnton church.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the pastor and delegates of each church in this Association be requested to appoint one sister in their respective churches to collect funds for Associational Missions, and report the names of the sisters appointed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, J. J. Meadows, Oxford, N. C.

The following form of Church Letter was adopted and the churches requested to use the same:

CHURCH LETTER.

To Flat River Association:

Name of Church ..... Delegates.....
Name and Post Office of Clerk,.....
Name and Post Office of Pastor,.....
Time of Meeting,.....

STATISTICS:

Baptized..... Received by Letter..... Restored.....
Dismissed by Letter..... Died..... Excommunicated.....
Number of Males..... Mumber of Females..... Total membership.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Ministerial Education,	forwarded,	$.....	On hand,	$.....
Home Missions,.....	"	$.....	"	$.....
State Missions,.....	"	$.....	"	$.....
Foreign Missions,.....	"	$.....	"	$.....
Associational Missions,	"	$.....	"	$.....
Am't of all other benevolent contributions,	expended,	$.....	"	$.....
Contributions of Suuday Schools,		$.....	Total	$.....

REMARKS:

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of Schools.....
Names and Post Office of Superintendents,.....
Number of Teachers..... Average attendance of Pupils,.....
Contributions, forwarded, $..... On hand, $.....

REMARKS:

By order of the Church, ..., 188..

(Signed,) ....., Church Clerk.

M. Blalock, S. Dean, and T. H. Street were appointed delegates to the next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, the Association adjourned to time and place agreed upon for the next annual meeting. Prayer by Elder Marsh.

Preaching at the stand to-day, 11 a. m., by C. T. Bailey, D. D.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

F. P. HOBGOOD, *Moderator.*

TABLE OF PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan, N. C.	1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Antioch	John E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro, "	2nd " " "
Bethel	"	"	Jno. F. Woody	Bethel Hill, "	1st " " "
Bethany	T. J. Horner	Henderson, "	A. S. Carrington	Hampton, "	3rd " " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley		S. Clark	Dutchville, "	2nd " " "
Corinth	R. I. Devin	Oxford, "	L. Hobgood	Oxford, "	" " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	"	W. H. Smith	Oxford, "	4th " " "
Fellowship	J. C. Hocut	Dayton, "	T. H. Perry	Beck, "	" " " "
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley		M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds, "	" " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin		B. T. Winston	Young's X Roads "	" " " "
Henderson	M. V. McDuffie	Henderson, "	W. D. Horner	Henderson, "	1st, 3rd and 4th Sabbath.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh		Lawson Knott	Oxford, "	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley		H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " "
Mary's Chapel	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton, "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom, "	1st " " "
Mill Creek	Jno. E. Montague		Jno. L. Gentry	Mill Creek, "	4th " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin		D. W. Eakes	Oak Hill, "	3rd " " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner		M. Blalock	Berea, "	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries		J. W. Knott	Center Grove, "	4th " " "
New Light	J. W. Atkinson	Roger's Store, "	Z. V. Peed	Roger's Store, "	2nd " " "
North Fork	G. N. Pittard		C. S. Hite	Red Bank, Va.	4th " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford, "	B. F. Taylor	Oxford, "	Every Sabbath.
Olive Branch	Jno. E. Montague		W. T. Humphries	Mill Creek, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
*Olive Grove					
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh		E. F. Parham		1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Providence	E. J. Montague	Gibbon, "	A. C. Long	Roxboro, "	" " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson		J. W. Fuller	Wilton, "	" " " "
Roxboro	J. J. Lansdell	Roxboro, "	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro, "	2d Sab. and 4th Sab. night
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh		S. P. Washington	Tally Ho, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.

*No Letter.

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missi'ns	Foreign Missi'ns	Home Missi'ns	Sunday Schools	Church Ext'n'n	Orphan Asylum	Asso. Missi'ns	S. S. Coll'ct's	For the Poor.	Min't'rs Relief Assoa'n.	Charity.	Total.
Amis' Chapel	$ 10 15	$ 8 50	13 24	-------	-------	20 00	-------	10 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	$ 61 89
Antioch	-------	10 00	10 55	-------	-------	-------	15 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	35 55
Bethel	-------	23 75	13 65	-------	-------	5 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	42 30
Bethany	-------	1 20	1 20	85	-------	-------	-------	1 80	-------	-------	-------	-------	3 25
Concord	10 00	10 00	15 00	5 75	-------	25 50	-------	11 99	14 00	14 00	-------	-------	106 15
Corinth	5 28	5 15	8 24	-------	-------	-------	-------	5 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	24 67
Enon	29 50	14 58	67 25	6 75	-------	-------	-------	20 50	-------	-------	-------	-------	138 58
Fellowship	3 33	13 20	2 00	5 50	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	23 53
F. R. Union	12 90	12 50	13 00	4 61	-------	5 15	-------	10 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	58 16
Grassy Creek	4 84	8 00	6 85	-------	-------	-------	-------	9 36	-------	-------	-------	11 05	40 10
Henderson	10 05	15 00	41 29	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	66 34
Hester's	3 85	12 30	12 85	10 00	-------	-------	15 55	37 35	-------	40 25	4 00	-------	136 15
Island Creek	21 25	22 25	20 37	7 75	4 15	-------	-------	6 55	-------	-------	-------	-------	82 32
Mary's Chapel	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	3 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	3 00
Mill Creek	-------	9 25	30 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	9 50	-------	-------	-------	-------	48 75
Mountain Creek	5 20	-------	10 00	-------	-------	-------	5 30	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	20 50
Mount Zion	25 00	40 00	200 00	20 00	-------	-------	-------	26 75	-------	-------	-------	-------	312 75
Mount Harmony	-------	2 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	2 00
New Light	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	5 40
North Fork	-------	-------	3 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	2 40	-------	-------	-------	-------	5 40
Oxford	63 70	21 75	60 77	15 38	-------	20 76	14 45	20 25	-------	-------	-------	-------	217 06
Olive Branch	-------	-------	13 00	6 54	-------	-------	-------	3 60	-------	-------	-------	-------	23 14
Olive Grove	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------
Poplar Creek	7 00	30 00	38 13	6 53	12 00	-------	-------	17 50	-------	15 75	-------	-------	126 91
Providence	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	11 55	-------	-------	-------	-------	11 55
Pleasant Grove	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------
Roxboro	5 00	2 50	2 50	-------	-------	-------	-------	8 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	18 00
Tally Ho	3 00	3 00	11 55	3 00	-------	-------	-------	12 45	-------	-------	4 15	-------	37 15
													$ 1,650 60

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salaries.	For Minutes.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Amis' Chapel	$150 00	$2 00	-------	21	8	--	10	--	2	58	111	169	--
Antioch	-------	1 50	-------	6	2	--	--	1	--	14	33	47	--
Bethel	-------	2 85	-------	10	6	2	4	2	2	----	----	150	--
Bethany	-------	1 00	-------	5	13	--	--	--	--	15	18	33	--
Concord	150 00	1 50	-------	2	3	--	1	2	--	30	74	104	--
Corinth	-------	2 00	-------	---	2	--	3	--	3	50	89	139	--
Enon	250 00	1 50	$113 00	18	4	1	3	1	2	44	61	105	--
Fellowship	100 00	2 00	31 00	---	1	--	1	1	2	34	66	100	--
Flat R'r Union	150 00	1 50	-------	12	2	1	1	2	3	30	88	127	--
Grassy Creek	-------	2 06	28 60	51	8	4	10	1	2	140	204	344	33
Henderson	600 00	1 50	1854 77	7	7	--	--	--	--	25	31	56	--
Hester's	-------	2 25	-------	25	4	1	7	2	--	89	122	211	--
Island Creek	200 00	3 00	-------	28	4	2	5	3	2	105	104	209	--
Mary's Chapel	-------	50	-------	---	2	--	--	1	--	9	25	35	--
Mill Creek	100 00	2 00	6 75	9	7	1	2	2	1	51	96	147	--
Mount'n Creek	-------	2 00	-------	1	4	--	16	3	1	69	115	184	--
Mt. Zion	-------	1 84	-------	5	--	--	6	8	2	81	111	192	--
Mt. Harmony	-------	1 00	-------	4	--	--	9	1	--	10	27	37	--
New Light	100 00	2 00	-------	---	--	1	9	2	1	63	129	192	--
North Fork	-------	2 00	-------	4	--	--	8	2	1	53	104	157	--
Oxford	750 00	1 50	405 00	38	4	2	5	2	2	47	77	124	--
Olive Branch	100 00	1 75	7 00	18	3	--	--	1	3	60	118	178	--
*Olive Grove	-------	------	-------	---	--	--	--	--	--	7	13	20	--
Poplar Creek	175 00	1 50	-------	3	4	--	1	2	--	39	81	120	--
Providence	-------	1 00	-------	8	1	--	--	7	2	14	28	42	--
Pleasant Grove	-------	1 50	-------	1	--	--	--	--	--	16	26	42	--
Roxboro	100 00	50	10 00	---	1	--	2	--	--	8	7	15	--
Tally Ho	125 00	1 65	255 00	18	2	1	3	--	--	45	65	110	--
		$46 40											

*From Minutes of 1883.

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SABAATH SCHOOL AND PERIODICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Vols. in Library.	Amount Raised.
*Amis' Chapel	A. H. Garner	Buchanan	1	4	40	...	$ ....
Antioch	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
Bethel	.....	.....	2	9	60	...	....
Bethany	W. A. Malone	Moriah	1	..	30	...	....
Concord	A. M. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	1	4	54	...	....
Corinth	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
Enon	B. F. Hester	Oxford	1	6	60	...	23.00
Fellowship	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
†F. R. Union	J. L. Peed	Knap of Reeds	1	6	48	...	6.50
Hester's	C. M. Gordon, No. 1	.....	3	5	62	...	....
"	G. W. Pillard, No. 2	.....	..	4	53	...	....
"	Robt. Hester, No. 3	Young'sXRoads	..	2	12	..	....
‡Henderson	.....	.....	1	7	75	57	36.00
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Oxford	..	12	58	...	21.93
§Island Creek	R. L. Dunn	.....	4	20	150	...	....
.....	J. G. Morgan	.....	..	..	...	...	....
.....	W. H. Green	.....	..	..	..	...	....
.....	W. H. Wilson	.....	..	..	...	...	....
Mary's Chapel	J. Wheelous	.....	1	4	48	...	....
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	5	58	18	....
M't'n Creek	J. A. Watkins	.....	1	4	50	...	7.00
Mt. Zion	B. D. Howard	Berea	1	..	42	...	....
Mt. Harmony	J. W. Knott	.....	2	12	50	...	....
.....	D. E. Peed	.....	..	..	...	...	....
New Light	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
North Fork	K. C. Allen	.....	1	4	58	...	....
‖Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	1	..	150	150	94.00
Olive Branch	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	.....	1	5	50	...	26.13
Providence	.....	.....	1	..	...	...	....
Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
¶Roxboro	J. J. Lansdell	Roxboro	1	5	30	75	8.50
Tally Ho	G. W. Duncan	Tally Ho	1	2	25	...	7.30

RELIGIOUS PAPERS TAKEN,

(*) Kind Words, 3; Lesson Leaflets, 12.
(†) Kind Words, 10.
(‡) Quarterlies, 35.
(§) Biblical Recorder, 5.
(‖) Quarterlies, 6 dozen Sen., 3 dozen Advanced, 2 dozen Intermediate and 4 dozen Primary.
(¶) Young Reaper, 10; Sun Light, 10; Senior Quarterly, 15; Intermediate Quarterly, 15; Biblical Recorder, 4; Religious Herald, 1; Christian Herald, 1; National Baptist, 1.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

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OF THE

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

HESTER'S, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

August, 11th, 12th and 13th, 1885.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD.....Oxford, N C.
CLERK—B. F. HESTER.....Oxford,
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM.....Oxford,

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	IF PASTOR.	RESIDENCE.
Atkinson, J. W.	Rogers' Store, N. C.	Pastor.	Wake County.
Devin, R. I.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Horner, T. J.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson.
Humphries, C. F.	Oxford, "	"	Granville County.
Hardaway, J. S.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Marsh, R. H.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Montague Jno. E.	Bethel Hill, "	"	Person County.
Montague, E. J.	Gibbon, "	"	Person County.
McDuffie, M. V.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson.
Pittard, G. N.	Young's x Roads "	"	Granville County.
Stradley, J. A.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.

Proceedings.

Hester's Church, August 11th, 1885.

Elder M. V. McDuffie preached the introductory sermon of the 92nd session of the Flat River Association. Intermission.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, and after reading the Scripture, the letters from the churches were read and the delegates enrolled:

Antioch—Jno. Allen, Henry Nichols.
Amis' Chapel—H. Stovall, W. C. Rogers, A. D. Frazier.
Bethel—
Bethany—Jas. Copley, G. W. Brinkley, H. C. Sweeney.
Concord—S. A. Green, R. Currin, E. C. Coley.
Corinth—W. J. Dean, D. C. Averett, J. B. Elliott.
Enon—T. R. Averett, B. F. Hester.
Fellowship—Isaiah Dear, G. T. Peace, Henry Haley.
Flat River Union—E. H. Veazey, M. C. Washington, Ro. A. Critcher.
Grassy Creek—G. W. Royster, D. A. Pittard, J. R. Ragsdale.
Henderson—J. H. Lassiter, S. Dean, J. L. H. Missillier.
Hester's—R. H. Hobgood, M. C. Dean, Henry Hobgood.
Island Creek—R. A. Gill, R. L. Dunn, H. T. Shanks.
Mary's Chapel—P. E. Allen, J. Z. Allen, Wyatt Perry.
Mill Creek—R. C. Pugh, B. F. Gentry, John P. Buchanan,
Mt. Harmony—Johnnie Peed, Rev. E. J. Montague.
Mountain Creek—D. W. Eakes, R. T. Blackwell, W. H. Blackwell.
Mt. Zion—B. D. Howard, Pinkney Meadows, J. T. Ragan.
New Light—L. B. Lassiter, Wm. Ray, L. A. Wilson.
North Fork—S. M. Wilborne, C. S. Height, B. W. Owen.
Olive Branch—F. Harris, J. J. Drumwright, Oscar Yancey.
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, T. D. Crawford, F. M. Meadows.
Poplar Creek—A. J. Wright, G. W. Wright, J. H. Parham.
Providence—F. P. Ramsey, Drewry Gravitt, Jas. H. Duncan.
Pleasant Grove—W. H. Adcock, T. M. Tomerson, W. N. Fuller.
Roxboro—J. C. Masten, W. A. Woody, A. R. Foushee.
Tally Ho—T. J. Smith, W. D. Bowden, J. H. Bowden.

On balloting, F. P. Hobgood was elected Moderator, B. F. Hester, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—Elder J. S. Hardaway, Jno. Allen, W. C. Rogers.
Education—Elder R. I. Devin, H. C. Sweeney, W. J. Dean.
Foreign Missions—Elder R. H. Marsh, T. R. Averett, G. T. Peace.
State Missions—Elder A. G. McManaway, D. H. Veazey, R. C. Pugh.
Associational Missions—J. J. Meadows, G. N. Pittard, H. T. Shanks.
Sunday Schools—Elder J. A. Stradley, J. Z. Allen, J. C. Masten.
Church Letters—M. V. McDuffie, J. S. Hardaway.
Home Missios—Elder J. P. Montague, J. H. Lassiter, R. H. Hobgood.
Systematic Beneficence—Elder J. S. Hardaway, J. J. Drumwright.
Time and Place of Next Meeting—G. W. Wright, Pink Meadows, L. B. Lassiter.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Hester's Church.

The report on Periodicals was discussed by Elder C. T. Bailey, who said the BIBLICAL RECORDER will be what it has been—departing in nothing from the true doctrine. It will not go into politics. Baptist supremacy is not desired, but Baptist equality will be asserted and maintained.

Elder J. S Hardaway: The paper advocates no new-fangled theology. After remarks by Bro. S. L. Howard, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There is no need of an extended report on this subject. It is generally agreed that our most useful members subscribe to some religious paper. And we do not see how a person can do intelligent work unless he keeps posted as to the doings of the denomination. While we may congratulate ourselves on the fact that so many of our brethren are regular readers of religious papers, we know that a large number in every church ought to subscribe who do not. Among the many excellent Baptist papers published, none can be to the Baptists of North Carolina what the BIBLICAL RECORDER is to them. It is their State paper; a paper that has fostered every Baptist interest in North Carolina, so that the interests of the Baptists seem inseparably linked with the RECORDER,

We, therefore, while commending all good Baptist publications, would most earnestly commend the RECORDER to the patronage of the brethren.

We would also warmly recommend to Sunday Schools "KIND WORDS," published at Macon, Georgia, as a valuable aid in Sunday School work. J. S. HARDAWAY.

The Committee on Associational Missions offered the following report:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, the undersigned, appointed by your body as an association committee, make the following report:

We employed Rev. T. J. Horner to preach monthly at Bethany and at the new church near Townsville, at a salary of one hundred dollars per year. Our missionary served 5 months at Townsville, for which your committee has paid him - - - - $ 41 66
Salary paid for services at Bethany, - - - 75 04

Total paid our missionary, - - - $116 70

You committee agreed to pay one hundred dollars to help support a pastor at Roxboro, to be paid quarterly. The Roxboro church has procured a pastor, commencing 1st day of July, 1885.

Funds received, - - - - - - $ 199 40
Paid T. J. Horner, - - - - $116 70
Paid Roxboro Church, - - - 8 33
125 03

Balance on hand, - - - - $ 74 57

J. J. MEADOWS,
Chairman of Association Com.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

In Missionary work I have travelled nearly 900 miles. I have labored 12 months at Bethany. At the close of a meeting recently held there in which brother R. H. Marsh gave invaluable assistance. I baptized 11 persons—9 males and 2 females, into the fellowship of the church. I think the fellowship of the church has been nearly doubled since our last Association. The station below Townsville is a hard but hopeful field. I appointed a protracted meeting on the 4th Sunday in March last to begin on the 4th Sunday in July. The meeting has been held. We had the assistance of brethren Ellington, Jones, Pruitt, McDuffie and Marsh. It was a good meeting. Seeds were sown which I hope will spring up and bear much fruit to the honor and glory of God. As a result of our labors some 14 or 15 professions were made, and on last Sunday week I baptized 6 persons into the fellowship of Island Creek Church, and others are waiting for baptism, &c.

Hardside influence moderation.

T. J. HORNER

The report was discussed by Bro. J. J. Meadows, Elders T. J. Horner, R. H. Marsh, M. V. McDuffie, C. T. Bailey, Bro. F. P. Hobgood and Elder J. S. Hardaway.

Pending further discussion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. A. Stradley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 12th, 1885.

After devotional exercises an invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by Elders C. T. Bailey, of the *Biblical Recorder;* C. Durham, of Mt. Zion Association; D. W. Herring, accepted missionary to China; A. G. McManaway, representing Home Mission Board, and W. L. Wright.

On motion, Elders C. Durham, T. J. Horner and Bro. F. M. Meadows were appointed a Committee on the Baptist Orphanage, and that this subject be special order for 3 o'clock this p. m.

The discussion of the report on Associational Missions was resumed, and remarks were made by Elders C. T. Bailey, M. V. McDuffie, R. H. Marsh, T. J. Horner, J. S. Hardaway and C. Durham, when, on motion, it was made a special order for 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee submit the following report on Sabbath Schools: We are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt, that the Sabbath School work is one of the most important Christian enterprises that now engages the attention of God's people. It opens up a field of labor in which every christian can find work to do. It is the best of all known means to increase Bible knowledge. It does more than any other work to prepare people for the reception of the gospel. It is a powerful means of developing christian gifts and graces. It is a sad fact that not more than one-fourth of the memberehip of our churches is engaged in this good work. We believe that less public scolding and more private persuading would increase the number of Sabbath School workers. A church that does not keep up a Sabbath School is worth but little to the cause of Christ, and will sooner or later die out.

We rejoice that so many of the churches of this Association are engaged in this good work. Let us put forth earnest efforts to increase the number and efficiency of Sabbath School workers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A STRADLEY,
J. Z. ALLEN,
J. C. MASTEN,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Bro. A. C. Parham, Elders J. A. Stradley and R. T. Vann, and adopted.

The Committee on Education offered the following report, which, after an interesting talk by Elder R. T. Vann and a hat collection of $5.43, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As Christians and Baptists we should take a deep interest in the subject of general education.

The prosperity of our country and the elevation of our race, depend in no small measure upon the diffusion of christian knowledge among our people. The duty is imperative upon parents to educate their children as thoroughly as their opportunities and means will allow. We must educate.

It gives us pleasure to state that Wake Forest College stands upon a solid basis, and has entered upon a career of greater prosperity and usefulness. The Baptists of North Carolina should look to this college with peculiar pleasure, as a safe place to educate their sons without endangering their morals. The Faculty is composed of men able and faithful, whose high attainments in literature and science are known and acknowledged.

Your committee would call attention to the Female Seminary at Oxford, under the control of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, and the Horner Male School at Henderson, under the direction of Rev. T. J. Horner & Son, as excellent and prosperous schools, and in every respect worthy of Baptist patronage.

Your committee wish to call special attention to ministerial education, and the necessities of the Board of Education. During the last session at Wake Forest College, there were 34 young men preparing for the ministry who were supported wholly or in part by this board. The demands upon the board are constantly increasing, and consequently increased contributions are called for from the churches.

All should aid in this good cause, so that every worthy brother who is preparing for the gospel ministry may receive as thorough training as possible for his great work. Help the Education Board.

R. I. DEVIN,
H. C. SWEENEY,
W. J. DEAN,
Committee.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report on the Baptist Orphanage was introduced, and after the necessity for such an institution had been shown, and its plans and purposes explained by Elders C. Durham and R. I. Devin, a cash collection was taken up, and the Association resolved to raise additional funds sufficient to build one house. The report was then adopted, as follows:

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE ASSOCIATION.

This Association, chartered by the last session of our Legislature with all the powers and privileges asked for or desired, held on Wednesday, August 5th, 1885, its first annual session on its own grounds, at Thomasville. The meeting was most encouraging and perfectly harmonious, and all departments of the work were found to be in a most hopeful condition.

Arrangements are now made for four buildings which will accommodate 100 children, and it is hoped that these will all be completed before the winter.

What part will this association take in this work? Are there not men in the churches here represented, if looked up and talked to wisely about this important work, that will pay for, at least one building, and thus perpetuate their memory through the ages? Will not this Association pay for a building?

Respectfully,

C. DURHAM, Chm'n.
T. J. HORNER,
F. M. MEADOWS.

After prayer, adjourned till 9½ o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 13th, 1885.

After devotional exercises, the minutes were read and corrected, and the roll of delegates revised.

After remarks by Elders McManaway, Stradley, Devin, Marsh and Bro. A. C. Parham, the Association adopted the following report on State Missions, agreeing to raise $300 for that object:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions congratulate the Association on two things: (1). That Bro. John E. Ray has been induced to give his whole time to the State Missions and Sunday School Boards, and (2). That the board has increased its work until 68 missionaries are under its employ. Your committee will not undertake to sum up the results and blessings that have attended the work of the missionaries of this board, for eternity alone will reveal these things. But we do undertake to recommend that the churches of the Association shall show their appreciation for the work of this board by increasing their contributions and multiplying their prayers in its behalf.

A. G. MCMANAWAY,
For Committee.

Elder D. W. Herring made a telling speech on the report on Foreign Missions, and after a cash collection of $54 was taken up, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Paul says, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise," Rom. 1: 14. This bit of personal experience has been given us by inspiration, "and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

In our indebtedness to the world two accounts may be specially mentioned: (1). The duty of prayer. "I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men. * * * For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth," 1 Tim. 2: 1–4. We must pray for the heathen—what ought and do we ask God in their behalf? Surely, that they may be *saved;* in God's way, by the Spirit through the Word. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth," James 1: 18. Can prayer for the nations be answered without corresponding effort, without the Word, any more than "Give us this day our daily bread," without personal effort? Prayer leads to the second account: (2). Honest, faithful, christian effort in giving the gospel to the world. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The field is large and the laborers are few. *One billion* of perishing souls with about fifty missionaries—948,135 stay at home; 49 go. The contributions to our board, last year, were $81,289.59, about *eight cents* a head. In building a church in Africa, brother David says, "One of our members gave four months' salary to the church fund, another a fifth of a year's salary, two others a tenth each."

This year $100,000 are necessary, in view of increased force and necessary building. Of this amount North Carolina is asked for $8,000, and the Flat River Association $750—$150 more than the Association gave last year. This year we have contributed $655.59. Among the four ministers recently appointed as missionaries, two are from North Carolina, Elders R. T. Bryan and D. W. Herring. They go this fall to China.

STATISTICS.—In *China*, with its 400,000,000, heathen, we have 25 foreign missionaries. 28 native assistants, 645 church members.

In *Italy*, with 26,789,000 Roman Catholics, we have one minister, his wife, and 10 native preachers, with 250 members.

In *Africa*, with 191,000,000 heathen and Mohammedans, we have 5 ministers and 8 native assistants, with 125 members.

In *Brazil*, with 11,780,000 Roman Catholics, we have 2 ministers, their wives, 4 native assistants, and 113 members.

In *Mexico*, with 9,000,000 Roman Catholics, we have 3 ministers, their wives, 4 unmarried ladies, 5 native preachers, and 190 members.

TOTAL.—Missionaries, 50; native assistants, 57; missions and stations, 30; baptized (1884) 203; church members, 1,323.

How can we help the work if we cannot go?

The Corresponding Secretary says:

1. Give regularly, liberally, and cheerfully to Foreign Missions. Phil. iv: 15, 16; 2 Cor. xi: 8, 9; 2 Cor. ix: 6, 7.

2. Pray daily that the gospel may be preached and accepted among all the nations. Pray also for the lives and comfort of missionaries, their access to the people, and their spiritual power. 2 Thess. iii: 1, 2.

3. Advocate the work. Having learned from God's Word, the condition of the heathen and the duty of Christians to them, urge these things, in the Spirit of Jesus, upon Christians wherever you can, and especially upon your own church. 2 Pet. i: 13.

4. Get and circulate tracts, papers, and books which encourage Christian Missions; and conscientiously distribute such literature

when sent to you. Mark iv: 4; Psalms xliii: 3. Christians are "children of the light." When they know the truth about the conditions and numbers of the heathen, the work done, and the work needful to be done, *they will help.*

5. Encourage in your church the adoption and faithful working of some system which will promote regular, liberal and cheerful giving to this work. 1 Cor. xvi: 2.

6. Take a good religious newspaper, read the religious news, and, whenever there is an appeal for the cause of Jesus, *help.*

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. PEACE,
T. R. AVERETT,
R. H. MARSH.

The hour for the special order arriving, the report on Associational Missions was again taken up and further discussed by Bro. J. J. Meadows and Elders McDuffie and Marsh.

On motion, this work was entrusted to a committee consisting of brethren J. J. Meadows, Lawson Knott and H. T. Shanks, with the promise that the Association would try to raise $800 to carry on the work.

Elder J. S. Hardaway made an interesting talk on the report on Home Missions, after which it was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga., is composed of brethren entitled to our confidence in their work of sending the gospel to the destitute throughout the Southern States and territories. Bro. E. Dodson spent his last days working for this board in our State.

Bro. Blake, who left Weldon to supply the field made vacant by the death of Bro. B. F. Buckner, is now laboring very successfully in the Indian territory. There are 185 missionaries laboring in 8 different States and Territories.

Between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars have been raised at these mission stations to build houses of worship the past year. The board has paid out of its treasury for the same purpose more than $4,000.

It is now engaged in building a house of worship in New Orleans, which it hopes to complete by October next.

We commend the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to the patronage of the brethren of our Association.

J. P. MONTAGUE,
R. H. HOBGOOD.

The Committee on Church Letters offered a report, which, after some discussion, was, on motion, amended and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

By the examination of church letters we find that there has been a slight gain in the churches in numbers and contributions, as will be seen by the following statistics : added by baptism 109—lost by deaths and exclusions 86—leaving a gain of 23.

To Foreign, Home, State and Associational Missions and Education the contributions amount to $1,606.83, against $1,353.73 of last year; which shows an increase of $253.10. In addition to which we have spent $500 on church built at Townesville.

Two of our churches contribute nothing to Foreign Missions; 12 nothing to Ministerial Education; 9 nothing to Associational Missions; 8 nothing to State Missions: 12 nothing to Home Missions.

The full amount asked of our Association by Foreign and State Mission Boards has been raised and mostly forwarded.

The following is the average per member of the contributions to all objects, including church expenses and pastors' salary : Amis' Chapel, $1.31; Enon, $5.88; Henderson, $23.75; Bethel, $2.95; Hester's, $3.33; Island Creek, $2.43; Mill Creek, $1.86; Mountain Creek, $1.02; Mount Zion, $4.27; Oxford, $12.37; North Fork, $1.24; Olive Branch, 69 cents; Poplar Creek, $6.30; Roxboro, $8.42.

The following is the average per member contributed to all objects, excluding everything except pure benevolence: Antioch, 5 cents; Bethel 48 cents; Concord 95 cents; Corinth 36 cents; Grassy Creek, 10 cents; Mary's Chapel, 9 cents; Mount Harmony, 12 cents; New Light, 2 cents; Providence, 15 cents; Pleasant Grove, 7 cents; Tally Ho, 27 cents; Amis' Chapel, $1.29; Enon, $2.48; Henderson, $2.43; Hester's, 78 cents; Island Creek, $1.40; Mill Creek, $1.92; Mountain Creek, 3 cents; Mount Zion, $2.65; Bethany, 4 cents; Oxford, $2.67; North Fork, 14 cents; Olive Branch, 13 cents; Poplar Creek, $1.43; Roxboro, $2.06.

Respectfully submitted,

M. V. McDUFFIE.
J. S. HARDAWAY.

The Association, after remarks by Elders Stradley, Marsh, Devin, McDuffie and Hardaway and Bro. B. D. Howard, adopted the following report on Systematic Beneficence:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Spasmodic giving is not a means of grace; we grow in the grace of giving by acquiring the habit of giving. Giving systematically is the Bible rule, and, therefore, the best. Men give more and feel it less, who give regularly, as God prospers them.

If the members of our churches would realize that they are God's stewards, and that it is their duty to use their means in God's service, we should never lack for funds to carry on our benevolent enterprises. Let us all strive to teach by word and deed that to give systematically is every Christian's duty.

We recommend to the churches of the Association to take up annually a collection for each of our boards. Making in all four collections.

J. S. HARDAWAY.

The committee offered a report on Time and Place of next meeting, which the Association adopted:

TIME AND PLACE.

Your committee on time and place beg leave to submit the following: Time, Tuesday after second Saturday in August. Place, Bethel, Person county. To preach the intoductory sermon, R. H. Marsh.

G. W. WRIGHT,
PINKNEY MEADOWS.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted.

Brethren T. H. Street, B. D. Howard and F. P. Hobgood were appointed to represent the Association in the next Convention.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk $10 for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, *Clerk*.

The following form of Church Letter was adopted and the churches requested to use the same:

CHURCH LETTER.

To Flat River Association:

Name of Church..... .....Delegate.....
Name and Post Office of Clerk.....
Name and Post Office of Pastor .....
Time of Meeting.. ....

STATISTICS.

Baptized ..... Received by Letter ..... Restored.....
Dismissed by Letter..... Died..... Excommunicated.....
Number of Males.....Number of Females.....Total Membership.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Ministerial Education, forwarded, $..... On hand, $.....
Home Missions, ... " $..... " $.....
State Missions,..... " $..... " $.....
Foreign Missions,..... " $..... " $.....
Associational Missions, " $..... " $.....
Am't of all other benevolent contributions, expended, $..... " $.....
Contributions of Sunday Schools, $..... Total, $.....

REMARKS.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Number of Schools.....
Name and Post Office of Superintendents ....
Number of Teachers..... Average attendance of Pupils.....
Contributions, forwarded, $..... On hand, $.....

REMARKS.

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By order of the Church, ..., 188...
(Signed) ....., Church Clerk.

TABLE OF PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS,	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan, N. C,	1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro, "	2nd " " "
Bethel	" "	" "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill, "	1st " " "
Bethany	T. J. Horner.	Henderson, "	R. C. Jones	Berea, "	3rd " " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	S. Clark	Dutchville, "	2nd " " "
Corinth	R. I. Devin	" "	L. Hobgood	Oxford, "	2nd " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	" "	W. H. Smith	" "	4th " " "
Fellowship	J. C. Hocut	Dayton, "	T. H. Perry	Beck, "	4th " " "
F. R. Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds, "	4th " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	" "	B. T. Winston	Youngs X Roads, "	4th " " "
Henderson	M. V. McDuffie	Henderson, "	J. L. H. Missillier	Henderson, "	1st, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh.	Oxford, "	L. Knott	Oxford, "	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	" "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " "
Mary's Chapel	N. P. Stallings	Falls, "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom, "	1st " " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek, "	4th " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford, "	D. W. Eakes	Oak Hill, "	3rd " " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner.	Henderson, "	M. Blalock	Berea, "	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford, "	J. T. Denny	Centre Grove, "	4th " " "
New Light	J. W. Atkinson.	Rogers' Store, "	W. D. Peed	Roger's Store, "	2nd " " "
North Fork	G. N. Pittard	Young's X Roads, "	C. S. Hite	Red Bank, Va.	4th " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway.	Oxford, "	B. F. Taylor	Oxford, N. C.	Every Sabbath,
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Olive Grove					
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "	E. T. Parham	Oxford, "	1st " " "
Providence	E. J. Montague	Gibbon, "	A. C. Long	Roxboro, "	1st " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson.	Roger's Store, "	J. W. Fuller	Wilton, "	1st " " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro, "	A. Foushee	Roxboro, "	3rd Sabbath.
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh.	Oxford, "	S. P. Washington.	Tally Ho "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missi'ns.	Foreign Missi'ns.	Home Missi'ns.	Asso. Missi'ns.	Sunday Schools	Church Ext'n.	Bap. Orphan'ge	Orphan Asylum,	For the Poor.	Total,
Amis' Chapel	$ 10 35	$ 15 40	$ 18 00	------	$ 11 20	------	$ ------	$ ------	$ ------	$ 10 00	$ 64 95
Antioch	------	6 80	6 55	------	------	$ 2 29	17 50	------	------	------	33 14
Bethany	------	85	50	45	3 90	------	------	------	------	------	5 70
Bethel	------	18 00	19 10	7 10	------	------	------	25 25	------	------	69 45
Concord	10 50	12 35	25 00	7 40	10 00	------	------	------	------	6 75	72 05
Corinth	4 00	5 18	6 74	4 21	7 71	------	25 00	------	------	------	52 84
Enon	18 50	10 40	51 50	12 25	17 50	------	60 00	------	------	------	170 15
Fellowship	------	------	------	------	------	------	35 00	------	------	------	35 00
F. R. Union	10 35	12 20	13 29	8 45	12 31	------	------	------	------	------	56 60
Grassy Creek	------	5 00	8 80	------	8 87	------	------	------	7 25	------	28 92
Henderson	90 00	25 00	23 40	------	2 00	------	------	75 50	------	------	215 90
Hester's	10 00	6 55	17 43	8 75	27 26	------	------	------	------	------	68 99
Island Creek	20 42	23 30	30 75	8 25	15 12	------	150 00	5 00	------	10 00	263 34
Mary's Chapel	2 00	------	1 00	------	1 27	------	------	------	------	------	4 27
Mill Creek	------	16 00	16 00	------	------	------	20 00	40 00	------	------	92 00
Mountain Creek	3 70	6 00	6 80	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	16 50
Mt. Zion	35 15	54 75	168 75	10 25	41 80	------	33 00	90 00	------	------	423 70
Mt. Harmony	------	------	4 60	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	4 60
New Light	------	83	85	83	83	------	------	------	------	------	3 34
North Fork	------	4 25	1 50	4 25	------	------	------	------	------	------	10 00
Oxford	50 71	12 53	104 05	22 13	9 59	------	121 70	37 00	22 60	16 26	406 57
Olive Branch	------	------	6 88	6 87	------	------	------	------	------	------	13 75
Olive Grove	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Poplar Creek	7 50	55 09	44 49	17 30	16 00	------	32 25	------	------	6 25	179 38
Providence	------	------	63	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	63
Pleasant Grove	------	------	------	------	------	------	4 25	------	------	------	4 25
Roxboro	5 00	5 00	11 00	4 00	10 00	------	22 42	10 00	------	------	67 42
Tally Ho	5 05	7 10	10 18	4 00	10 21	------	------	------	------	------	36 54
											$ 2,399 98

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	For Minutes.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Amis' Chapel	$150 00	$ 2 00	$ -----	----	2	--	3	2	2	56	113	169	---
Antioch.,	-------	1 25	-------	----	2	1	--	--	1	16	33	49	---
Bethel	100 00	2 00	257 30	23	--	1	4	1	2	53	92	145	---
Bethany	-------	90	-----	11	1	--	1	2	--	22	20	42	---
Concord	-------	1 50	-------	----	--	--	--	--	4	29	71	100	---
Corinth	-------	2 00	-------	8	--	--	4	1	--	49	93	142	---
Enon	250 00	1 58	25 00	----	2	--	5	--	2	41	55	96	---
Fellowship	-------	2 00	-------	4	--	--	4	10	--	29	60	89	---
F. R. Union	-------	------	-------	2	--	1	1	--	1	27	89	126	---
Grassy Creek	-------	2 00	-------	----	--	1	9	8	3	102	194	295	31
Henderson	600 00	1 50	1136 46	3	5	--	4	--	--	40	47	87	---
Hester's	-------	2 50	363 25	----	2	--	1	5	1	84	122	206	---
Island Creek	-------	3 00	-------	8	--	--	2	3	3	105	105	210	---
Mary's Chapel	-------	60	-------	----	--	--	--	2	1	10	32	42	---
Mill Creek	100 00	2 00	-------	----	--	--	9	--	--	47	93	140	---
Mount'n Creek	-------	2 00	-------	33	4	--	2	1	1	87	126	213	---
Mt. Zion	-------	1 75	-------	1	4	--	1	1	5	79	114	193	---
Mt. Harmony	-------	1 00	-------	----	--	--	4	--	--	9	24	33	---
New Light	-------	2 00	-------	9	--	--	8	3	2	61	126	165	---
North Fork	100 00	1 50	60 00	4	3	--	6	6	4	44	102	146	---
Oxford	900 00	1 50	155 00	1	13	--	3	3	1	56	75	131	---
Olive Branch	100 00	1 75	7 50	----	--	--	--	--	1	60	117	177	---
Olive Grove	-------	------	-------	----	--	--	--	--	--	---	---	---	---
Poplar Creek	175 00	1 50	-------	11	2	--	3	3	2	44	95	139	---
Providence	-------	1 00	-------	----	--	--	--	--	--	15	30	45	---
Pleasant Grove	-------	------	-------	12	1	--	--	--	--	24	31	55	---
Roxboro	200 00	1 00	-------	----	--	--	4	--	--	9	7	16	---
Tally Ho	-------	2 00	-------	9	4	--	1	3	--	48	74	122	---
		$39 83										3, 373	---

SABBATH SCHOOL AND PERIODICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS,	POST OFFICE.	Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Vol. in Library.	Am'nt Contributed.
Amis' Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1	4	50	---	$ 5 20
Concord	A. M. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	1	--	45	---	7 50
Corinth	E. C. Montague	Oxford	1	2	---	---	------
Enon	T. R. Averett	Oxford	1	5	48	112	38 38
F. River Union	M. W. B. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	1	4	35	---	3 50
Grassy Creek	C. M. Gordon	----------	2	6	62	---	------
"	Jos. Noblin	----------	--	5	68	---	------
Henderson	----------	----------	1	--	---	---	------
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Oxford	1	6	40	---	36 00
Island Creek	R. L. Dunn W. H. Wilson J. G. Morgan	Williamsboro	4	24	150	---	30 00
Mary's Chapel	Z. Wheelom	Grissom	1	5	30	---	------
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	3	32	---	27 00
Mountain Crrek	J. S. Eakes	Oak Hill	1	5	40	---	------
Mount Zion	B. D. Howard	Berea	1	5	40	---	24 14
North Fork	B. W. Owen	----------	1	5	70	---	------
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	1	10	140	---	57 65
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford	1	7	---	---	31 00
Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	1	4	30	---	------
Tally Ho	S. P. Washington	Tally Ho	1	4	20	---	------

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

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NINETY-THIRD SESSION

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BETHEL MEETING HOUSE,
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The introductory sermon of the 93d session of the Flat River Association was preached by Elder R. H. Marsh, D. D., from II Timothy, 2d chapter, 2d verse, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Subject: Ministerial Ability.

AFTERNOON.

The Moderator, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, called the Association to order.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. H. Lamberth, the roll of churches was called, their letters read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Antioch—John W. Denny, John Ashley, H. H. Nichols.
Amis' Chapel—C. S. Chandler, R. W. Downey, *S. L. Puryear.
Bethel—Ruffin Woody, G. D. Neal, Samuel Trickey.
Bethany—J. C. Copley, *A. S. Carrington, Sim. Bumpass.
Concord—T. J. Smith, E. C. Coley, *N. Goss.
Corinth—J. W. Pittard, N. A. Clay, W. H. Parrott.
Enon—Jos. F. Currin, B. F. Hester, J. S. Hobgood.
Fellowship—
Flat River Union—M. W. B. Veazey, J. L. Peed, *Barnum Tilley.
Grassy Creek—B. T. Winston, G. W. Pittard, W. A. Wilkinson.
Henderson—
Hester's—S. R. Puckett, Lawson Knott, R. W. Hobgood.
Island Creek—J. A. T. Shotwell, D. L. Woody, J. C. Morgan.
Mary's Creek—*Zadock Whelons, *C. E. Allen, *J. W. Whelons.
Mill Creek—T. W. Buchanan, S. A. Clayton, T. H. Street.
Mt. Harmony—*J. W. Peed, D. W. Knott, *I. T. Denny.
Mountain Creek—W. W. Hart, *B. F. Frazier, W. J. Downey.
Mt. Zion—I. N. Day, W. P. Howard, J. G. Blalock.
New Light—*W. D. Ray, *W. T. Roachelle, *L. B. Mangum.
Olive Branch—W. W. Hill, J. R. Hays, J. G Jones.
Olive Grove—*J. F. Bailey, Wm. Shearin, A. B. Smith.
Oxford—H. J. Hester, F. P. Hobgood, J. S. Meadows.
Poplar Creek—*G. W. Wright, P. C. Parham, A. C. Parham.
Pleasant Grove—*W. B. Jeffreys, *S. J. Rogers, *W. N. Fuller.
Providence—F. P. Ramsey, *Drewry Gravitt, Thos. G. Smithey.
Roxboro—F. L. Woody, A. R. Foushee.
Tally Ho—W. B. Cash, R. S. Jones.

*See Note.

By ballot, Bro. F. P. Hobgood was re-elected Moderator, B. F. Hester Clerk, and A. C. Parham Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us: Elders Wm. Royall, D. D., of Wake Forest College; C. S. Farriss, of the BIBLICAL RECORDER; W. R. Gwaltney, of Greensboro; C. A. Jenkins, of Oxford Female Seminary; Wm. Slats, of Dan River Association in Virginia; Bro. J. H. Mills, of Baptist Orphanage, and Bro. J. E. Ray, the Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, accepted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—Elder C. A. Jenkins, P. C. Parham, T. J. Smith.
State Missions—Elder J. H. Lamberth, B. T. Winston, R. S. Jones.
Foreign Missions—Elder T. J. Horner, R. W. Downey, J. C. Copley.
Home Missions—Elder G. N. Pittard, E. C. Coley, J. S. Hobgood.
Education—Elder Wm. Royal, D. D.; M. W. Veazey, W. W. Hill.
Church Letters—Elder J. S. Hardaway, A. R. Foushee.
Place and Preaching for Next Session of Association—T. H. Street, Lawson Knott, J. T. C. Norwood.
Religious Services—Pastor and Deacons of Bethel Church.

On motion, a committee was raised on the Baptist Orphanage, Elder R. H. Marsh, D. D., J. G. Morgan, I. N. Day.

On an invitation to churches wishing to join this Association, letters were read from Rock Spring, Sassafras Fork and State Line, all recently organized, asking membership.

On motion, the applications are referred to a committee composed of Elders R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway and J. E. Montague.

The following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER as the organ of our Convention. It is a paper that should be in the home of every Baptist in the Association. We earnestly urge those of our brethren who do not take it to subscribe at once.

For Sunday School literature, we recommend the Sunday School Supply Store of the State Convention, under the care of John E. Ray, Raleigh.

C. A. JENKINS,
A. C. PARHAM,
THOS. J. SMITH.

was offered, and on motion, laid on the table till to-morrow morning, on account of the rain which drove the large congregation into the house.

On motion, adjourned until 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Benediction by Elder Horner.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Aug. 11, 1886.

The committee to whom was referred the letters of the churches applying for membership, reported, recommending their reception.

The report was adopted, the churches received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended the delegates by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

The special order, being the report on Periodicals, was taken up and discussed by Elders C. A. Jenkins, C. S. Farriss, brethren R. W. Hobgood, John J. Meadows, Elders G. N. Pittard, J. S. Hardaway and R. H. Marsh. They all declare that though the RECORDER may not be better, or even so good a paper as some other Baptist papers, yet it is a most excellent paper, and indispensable to North Carolina Baptists.

The report was then adopted with considerable enthusiasm.

The committee offered the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There are now sixty-five missionaries preaching the gospel in our State. The State Board is paying ten more men than in any previous year in its history. The results of their labors have been wonderful. Hundreds of souls have been saved, and willing subjects have followed Jesus in baptism. Quite a large number of new churches and Sunday schools have been organized, and several meeting houses erected and many more are being built. New fields are opening up every month, and, along with God's blessings attending this work, new calls are made upon the Board almost every week. The principal need of the Board is funds to meet the wants of our self-sacrificing missionaries, who are suffering for the necessaries of life. This Association has done its part nobly in sending the relief which was so much needed.

We do earnestly hope, while the brethren of this Association shall lend a helping hand to every department of Christian work, that they will give State missions a large place in their hearts, prayers and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LAMBERTH,
B. T. WINSTON,
R. S. JONES.

Which was adopted after interesting talks by Bro. J. E. Ray, who said he did not come to ask the Association for a collection now, after the churches had done so well when he visited them last spring, and A. C. Parham.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit for consideration the Report offered by the General Manager at the last meeting of the Orphan Association, held at Thomasville, July 28th, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT ON ORPHANAGE, FOR 1886.

As soon as practical after the last annual meeting the John Mitchell building was finished, furnished and occupied. Then the Mary J. Watson building, being sorely needed, was pushed to completion. These houses gave us one dwelling and one eating-house, so that we were able to winter the children then present with tolerable comfort. The John Watson building was begun in the fall, but work was discontinued for the winter. Towards spring we were so uncomfortably crowded that work was resumed on the building, and when finished gave us room to put each sex in its own school-room.

The unusual rains of the spring and summer delayed our brickwork so that we have made but little progress, except on the W. W. Mitchell building, which is nearly finished and now occupied. So the girls, after eating six months with the boys, have now their own cook-room and dining-room, and we are ready for vigorous work on the other buildings. The Durham buildings will occupy conspicuous positions and will attract much attention. They will be best suited to the wants of small boys.

The Watson buildings are near the springs, the stables and farm, so that the larger boys will find themselves convenient to their work.

The Mitchell buildings are nearest the town and very near two excellent springs, and are in every way adapted to the wants of the small girls. The Biggs buildings will be found on trial to have the best location for the larger girls, being less exposed to intruders and more convenient to the springs and the dairy, and very near every kind of work which will engage their attention. The location chosen for the chapel is on the Biggs avenue, on the side next to the town. The buildings need not now be described, as they are sufficiently advanced to explain themselves to all thoughtful persons. Two tracts of land and one small lot have been paid for and the deeds are properly recorded. On the last tract we have paid $500 and are paying interest on the $1,500 still due, in order to use the land for crops. We do not propose to erect any buildings on this tract. Our rye and wheat were sowed late, and on account of the severity of the winter and the rains of the spring will fail to realize our expectations; but these crops were sowed mainly to secure a stand of clover, and our clover is a decided success. Our hay crop will be good, and most of the vegetable crops are excellent, and have abundantly supplied the wants of the children.

Thirty-seven orphans have been received. Of these two were returned because they had property which ought to be used for their benefit. Different people have different views of the plans and purposes of our work, and so it happens that children recommended by some would be rejected by others, while both parties are equally honest. Time and proper information will gradually correct this annoyance. But it ought to be known that this is not an orphan's home for the care of the helpless. Such a house we may open some day when the means shall be offered. Neither is our institution an orphan asylum for the protection of oppressed orphans. At the close of the Confederate war, a house of refuge was needed to rescue unprotected orphans from those who desired to put them in the place of liberated slaves. Such a house is still a blessing, because it helps to keep oppressors of the helpless before the bar of public opinion and to secure their condemnation. But our institution claims to be nothing more at present than a collection of training schools for poor and promising orphans, and, indeed, it really seems impossible that any children can ever need training more than most of these who have already come to us. On this account we have required them to perform many kinds of manual labor, have kept them in school as much as we could, and have tried to show them how to understand the Bible and other good books. In addition to the usual song books and catechisms, we have substituted standard works on morals and manners for the readers filled with stories of cats and dogs.

Our aim has been to teach a clear and distinct code of morality, as well as a definite system of religion. All children need a definite religion, and all Christian teachers should be anxious to impart instructions therein. We send

missionaries all over the world to teach a definite religion to the heathen abroad, and we ought not to do less for the heathen at home. That all may come together for moral and religious instruction the chapel is greatly needed, and should be finished with the least possible delay. Our friends often inquire why we do not raise money by orphan entertainments. In doing so children are usually flattered and petted till they can not be satisfied with such treatment as they will usually receive. Besides, they often learn that there are ways of getting money without honest labor—a very dangerous and unfortunate lesson for children to learn. Again, "Charity seeketh not her own" profit. Charitable people will be rewarded hereafter, and they ought not to expect pay in this world for their contributions to charity.

For the future the work shapes itself before us: (1) To finish paying for the last tract of land and to put the farm in the best working and producing order. (2) To finish the Mt. Zion buildings, the Biggs buildings, the chapel and the dairy. (3) To pause then with ninety-six children till the institution shall be thoroughly furnished and equipped so as to give the children thorough training in English branches, and in such useful arts as they are most likely to practice hereafter.

The Visiting Committee has decided to close accounts at each annual meeting, instead of the meetings of the Convention. The present reports, therefore, cover a little more than eight months.

Receipts, $5,485.15 ; disbursements, $5,185.15 ; on hand, $300.00.

The children have enjoyed excellent health, and the services of a physician have not been required. For these, and other unnumbered mercies, we should be grateful to Him who took special pains to instruct and pray for little children. The same kind Saviour saw a multitude lying at the pool and healed the man who was least able to help himself. His servants follow in his footsteps when they help those who can not help themselves.

J. H. MILLS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the churches composing the Flat River Association be requested and urged to raise, during the month of September next, the balance of the amount pledged for the Flat River building, or chapel, at the Orphanage.

2. *Resolved*, That we will co-operate with the Baptist Orphan Association of North Carolina, by taking up an annual collection among the churches for the support of the Orphanage at Thomasville, and by entertaining a report on the Orphanage at every regular meeting of the Flat River Association.

3. *Resolved*, That every church in the Association be requested to take up an annual collection for the Orphanage at Thomasville, and to report the same in their respective letters to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH,
I. N. DAY,
JOHN T. MORGAN,
Committee.

Was offered, and on motion, the Association adjourned for refreshment, to meet at the stand at 1½ o'clock to discuss the report.

AFTERNOON.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage having been read again, Bro. J. H. Mills gave us a unique talk on Christian

charity, and after further remarks by Elders R. H. Marsh, T. J. Horner and Bro. J. J. Meadows, the report was adopted.

On motion, the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Since ignorance is recognized by the Bible as a deadly foe to religion, it becomes every Christian to labor for the promotion of the cause of education; and one of the best signs of the times is that this truth is becoming generally admitted. Not only are advanced thinkers alone working to this end, as was formerly the case, but the vast majority of our people are becoming interested in this department of Christian labor. As an association of Baptists we are not behind our brethren on this point. We contribute of our means to the building and endowment of colleges for the education of our sons and daughters, and aid in the training of our indigent young ministers for the work in which they are to engage. Indeed, all our churches are committed to these enterprises as fully as they are to missions, or other work for Christ. The only opposition encountered now by the advocates of the cause, results from a fast-disappearing prejudice, or from a misunderstanding of methods employed—the principle underlying being hardly questioned.

But we are beginning to insist more than formerly that the religious element must find a place in schemes of education, and that in all our systems of instruction Christ and His doctrine be recognized. There is a growing intolerance of all systems of education, and all institutions of learning, which ignore or make no provision for the cultivation of the heart and the information of the rising generation in Scripture truth.

Much of the prosperity of the Association is due to Wake Forest College and the Oxford Female School, under Bro. J. H. Mills formerly, and now under the management of Prof. F. B. Holtgood. And these institutions we commend to the fostering care and the patronage of the Association.

We conclude by urging upon the brethren the importance of establishing and sustaining in their midst primary schools, which shall embrace longer periods of instruction than the public schools, with the limited amount of money at the disposal of the State, can furnish.

Respectfully submitted,

W. ROYALL,
W. W. HILL,
M. W. B. VEAZEY.

Was adopted, after some entertaining and instructive addresses by Elders Wm. Royall, D. D., C. A. Jenkins and Jno. S. Hardaway.

On motion, the report on Associational Missions was made a special order for 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Benediction by Elder Jno. S. Hardaway.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 12, 1886.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Elder R. H. Marsh, the minutes were read, called and revised the list of delegates.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the Executive Board of Associational Missions offered their report:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We have employed Elder J. A. Stradley to preach monthly at Sassafras Fork at a salary of $175 for fourteen months. Under his ministration a church has been organized at this station which has called him as pastor. This church will need assistance next year.

We have also employed Elder T. J. Horner to preach at Rock Spring and State Line at a salary of $175 for fourteen months for each station. At each of these places a church was organized just before the meeting of this body, making three new churches organized within twelve months.

We also agreed to supplement the salary of Elder T. J. Horner at Bethany with $50, and Elder Lamberth's, at Roxboro, with $75.

Whole amount received from churches and left on hand from last year		$323.90
Paid to Elder Horner for Bethany	$50.00	
Paid to Elder Lamberth, Roxboro	75.00	
Paid to Elder Stradley, Sassafras Fork	66.30	
Paid to Elder Horner, State Line and Rock Spring	132.60	
	$323.90	$323.90
Balance due missionaries to date	$150.05	

We have collected to build house at State Line $180, and paid same to Bro. Sam. Gordon. We collected to build church at Sassafras Fork $151.70, and paid same to Building Committee of Sassafras Fork.

J. J. MEADOWS, *Chairman Committee.*

Which elicited a lengthy discussion, participated in by Bro. J. J. Meadows, Elders T. J. Horner, J. H. Lamberth, G. N. Pittard, R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway and Bro. R. W. Hobgood.

On motion, after a cash collection of seventy-two ($72.00) dollars, with pledges from the churches enough to cover the deficiency reported by the committee, the report was adopted.

The Association

Resolved, That our Executive Board of Associational Missions is instructed to confer with the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made, to turn over the mission work of the Association to the State Board. If this cannot be done,

Resolved, That the same Board is hereby re-appointed and authorized to carry on the mission work of the Association as heretofore.

The Treasurer's report was offered and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Total Membership.	Sunday Schools.	Baptized.	Total amount Benevolence.	Increase or Decrease in Contributions this year compared with last.	Per Capita.
Antioch	48	1	8	$ 50 19	25 times as much	$ 1 25
Amis' Chapel	182	1	20	65 96	3 3-5 times less	36
Bethel	132	1	---	73 50	Inerease	55
Bethany	42	1	1	8 25	5 times more	19
Concord	102	1	---	110 65	Increase	1 04
Corinth	140	1	---	95 42	2 times more	68
Enon	86	1	1	117 99	1 4-5 times less	1 37
Fellowship	*104	---	---	---	---	---
Flat River Union	127	1	9	88 35	Don't know last year	69
Grassy Creek	306	4	33	121 12	4 times more	39
Henderson	† 75	1	---	---	---	2 43
Hester's	205	1	14	319 50	2 times more	1 55
Island Creek	209	2	34	286 57	Equal to last year	1 42
Mary's Chapel	39	1	---	5 00	Increase	13
Mill Creek	140	1	---	108 84	Don't know last year	72
Mountain Creek	179	1	---	96 78	18 times more	54
Mt. Zion	205	1	13	324 85	2 times less	1 58
Mt. Harmony	32	---	---	1 90	2 times less	06
New Light	‡201	---	---	---	---	§§ 02
Oxford	144	1	12	453 92	Increase	3 15
Olive Branch	185	1	8	25 95	Increase	14
Olive Grove	25	---	---	---	---	---
Poplar Creek	123	1	8	227 11	Increase	1 84
Providence	47	1	---	---	---	---
Pleasant Grove	54	---	3	9 60	2½ times more	18
Roxboro	25	1	3	105 00	2 times more	4 22
Sassafras Fork ††	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rock Hill ‡‡	17	---	---	12 00	---	70
State Line ‖‖	37	---	---	33 67	---	09
Tally Ho	129	---	12	49 68	Increase	39
	2986 ‖	25 §	179 ¶	$2785 75 **		§§ last year's.

*Last year's. No letter to Association.
†Last year's. No letter.
‡Good report. No letter.
‖Gain of 116.
§About seven churches without schools.
¶70 more than last year.
**If include $152.00 raised at Association, it will be $2,937.75. This is $1,330.92 more than last year's gifts.
††New church just constituted.
‡‡Just constituted.
‖‖New church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. FOUSHEE,
JOHN S. HARDAWAY,
Committee.

The report on Church Letters was offered, which was discussed by Elders Horner, Marsh, G. N. Pittard and Hardaway, and brethren Thos. Pittard, Winston and Hobgood, and then adopted.

The committee on Time and Place for holding next session of the Association reported.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

Your Committee on Time and Place beg leave to report: Place—Antioch, Person County, North Carolina. Time—Tuesday after second Sunday in August, 1887. Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. A. Jenkins.

T. H. STREET,
LAWSON KNOTT,
J. T. C. NORWOOD.
Committee.

The following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit as their report an extract from the Report of the Home Mission Board, made at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"This year by the Divine blessing we are enabled to report 255 missionaries and 3,812 baptisms. These results have been secured by combining our efforts with those of our brethren who live upon our mission fields and using our funds to stimulate their energies to do the work which lies at their doors and is so near their hearts. In no other way could it have been accomplished.

"The ultimate end of all Christian effort is to give the gospel to every creature, and every Christian organization—all our churches, Sunday schools, Mission Societies, Associations and Conventions—are to be valued by the influence they exert in the accomplishment of this end. They are worth just so much as they contribute to the perfection of this grand design of our Saviour and no more. Let our Home Mission work be estimated by this rule.

"The evangelization of this country is the prime factor in the world's conversion. From our American churches, more largely than from all the remainder of the world, must be drawn both of men and means to conquer the world for Christ.

"Without the consecration of the resources and energies of our people to this mighty task, there seems, to human eyes, little hope for the spreading of the gospel to the ends of the earth. This land of ours must be the base of supply for the host of God that invades the dark heathen realms. From our churches must go forth ten thousand consecrated soldiers of the Cross, an immortal band, to subdue the nations. To sustain them we must have strong, active, liberal churches at home, organized for the Master's work and thoroughly in sympathy with his loving purposes to man.

"We must fill our land with the truth; consecrate to our King the spiritual power of its sixty millions of people; subordinate all its vast material and industrial resources to the work of the Lord; make its commerce tributary to the great ends of human redemption; transmute its gold and precious things into the bread of life to feed the starving nations; then, and to us it seems not

till then, over this darkened earth will righteousness go forth as brightness and salvation a lamp that burneth."

Respectfully,

GEO. N. PITTARD,
E. C. COLEY,
J. S. HOBGOOD.
Committee.

Was offered and adopted.

The Association then adopted the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved, That the Flat River Association, being in full sympathy with the work and labor of our missionaries in foreign fields, pledge ourselves to do what we can to advance the great work in which our missionaries are engaged. That we ought not to be satisfied until "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ." That we recognize and acknowledge that the church received marching orders when the great commission was given, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

On motion, a committee consisting of Elds. T. J. Horner and J. A. Stradley and Bro. J. G. Morgan was appointed to make arrangements for holding Ministers' and Deacons' meetings in this Association.

Elder T. J. Horner and brethren J. G. Morgan and J. S. Meadows were appointed Associational delegates to the next Convention.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk $10 for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, *Clerk.*

TABLE OF PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. A. Beam	Roxboro	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah	2d " " "
Bethany	T. J. Horner	Henderson	R. C. Jones	Berea	3d " " "
Bethel	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	1st " " "
Concord	N. S. Jones	Rogers' Store	Samuel Clark	Dutchville	2d " " "
Corinth	R. I. Devin	Oxford	L. Hobgood	Reamston	2d " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	W. H. Smith	Oxford	4th " " "
Fellowship					
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	M. B. Waller	Knapp of Reeds	4th " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford	B. T. Winston	Young's X Roads	4th " " "
Henderson	M. V. McDuffie	Henderson			
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	L. Knott	Oxford	2d " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	3d " " "
Mary's Chapel	H. F. Poston	Wake Forest Col'ge	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	1st " " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	John L. Gentry	Mill Creek	4th " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford	D. W. Eaks	Oak Hill	3d " " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson	J. H. Meadows	Berea	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	I. T. Denny	Centre Grove	4th " " "
New Light		Rogers' Store	L. A. Wilson	New Light	2d " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	B. F. Taylor	Oxford	Every Sabbath.
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	W. T. Humphries	Collier	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Olive Grove	N. P. Stallings	Hutchinson's Store	J. F. Bailey	Rogers' Store	1st " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Henderson	1st " " "
Providence	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	A. C. Long	Chub Lake	1st " " "
Pleasant Grove	James W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	J. W. Fuller	Oxford	1st " " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	3d Sabbath and at night.
Rock Spring	T. J. Horner	Henderson	F. D. Harris		4th Sabbath and Sat. before.
Sassafras Fork	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro	2d " " "
State Line	T. J. Horner	Henderson	Thomas Wilson		2d " " "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	R. S. Jones	Tally Ho !	3d " " "

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Associa'l Missions.	Baptist Orphanage	For the Poor.	Church Extension.	Oxford Asylum.
Amis' Chapel	25	$ 20 80	$ 16 30	$ 7 31	$ 11 05	$	$	$	$
Antioch		25 43	6 66			3 60	8 00		
Bethany					8 25				
Bethel	1 75	22 80	15 50	1 00	10 00				
Concord	17 45	37 75	17 50	7 95	15 00			15 00	
Corinth	8 50	33 92	4 25		3 70	25 50		19 65	
Enon	10 00	59 60	57 64		8 60			16 00	
Fellowship									
Flat River Union	12 00	33 10	10 00	7 25	7 00				
Grassy Creek	10 33	51 60	6 06		10 00			41 63	
Henderson	65 00	49 25	10 00						
Hester's	10 00	51 45	19 25	11 00	40 95	50 00		34 35	
Island Creek	25 00	115 00	21 48	12 44	8 50	25 15			
Mary's Chapel	3 00		1 00		1 00				
Mill Creek	10 00	20 24	25 90			5 00		6 35	
Mountain Creek	2 20	6 10	6 00		15 00			67 48	
Mt. Zion	11 50	178 75	209 60	2 25	60 10	76 50			
Mt. Harmony		95	95						
New Light									
Oxford	105 87	71 73	129 69	12 71	23 41	52 81		41 00	21 00
Olive Branch				8 00				17 95	
Olive Grove									
Poplar Creek	12 00	76 01	52 40	9 20	9 00	42 00			
Providence			1 80						
Pleasant Grove		9 60							
Roxboro	10 00	28 50	10 00	5 00	12 00	5 00			
Rock Spring					10 00				
Sassafras Fork									
State Line									
Tally Ho	87	12 00	14 50	2 68	4 43				
	$ 315 72	$ 904 58	$ 631 48	$ 96 54	$ 257 99	$ 285 56	$ 8 00	$ 249 41	$ 21 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	For Minutes.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel	$	$ 1 50	$142 00	20	2	2	3	4	2	70	112	182
Antioch		1 50		8	1	--	8	--	--	17	31	48
Bethany		1 00		1	3	--	--	3	--	20	22	42
Bethel	100 00	1 00	24 00	--	3	--	11	2	--	48	84	132
Concord	150 00	1 50		--	6	--	1	--	3	31	71	102
Corinth		1 50		--	1	1	2	2	--	47	93	140
Enon	250 00	1 50		1	1	1	10	1	2	35	51	86
Fellowship				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Flat River Union		1 30	11 00	9	1	--	1	4	3	34	93	127
Grassy Creek		2 10		33	9	1	33	3	2	112	194	306
Henderson	600 00	1 50	174 00	4	13	--	7	--	--	51	48	99
Hester's		2 50	60 00	14	5	2	13	8	--	84	121	205
Island Creek	200 00	2 00	79 00	34	5	1	3	3	3	97	112	209
Mary's Chapel		50		--	--	--	--	7	--	7	32	39
Mill Creek	100 00	1 50		14	5	1	2	--	--	56	99	155
Mountain Creek		1 30		--	--	1	14	--	3	73	106	179
Mt. Zion		2 00	50 00	13	2	--	1	3	--	89	116	205
Mt. Harmony		30		--	--	--	--	--	1	8	24	32
New Light	100 00	2 00		1	3	2	7	2	--	57	123	180
Oxford	900 00	--	20 75	12	10	--	6	2	1	58	86	144
Olive Branch	100 00	1 50	30 00	8	4	--	3	2	1	63	122	185
Olive Grove	50 00	1 00		--	4	1	--	4	--	11	14	25
Poplar Creek		1 50	20 50	8	2	5	4	3	1	47	76	123
Providence		1 00		--	--	--	--	--	--	16	31	47
Pleasant Grove		1 50		3	--	1	2	1	1	24	30	54
Roxboro	200 00	1 00	20 00	3	10	--	2	--	1	14	11	25
Rock Spring		50		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17
Sassafras Fork		1 00		6	--	--	--	--	--	14	18	32
State Line		1 00		10			--	--	--	15	22	37
Tally Ho		1 50		12	--	--	3	2	--	51	78	129
		$38 50		214	90	19	166	56	24	1259	2020	3288

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Amount Contributed.
Amis' Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1	4	50	$
Antioch	N. W. Jordan	Roxboro	1	5	25	
Bethel	Ruffin Woody	Bethel Hill	1	2	20	3 00
Concord	E. C. Coley	Dutchville	2	4	60	15 84
	A. M. Veazey	Knapp of Reeds	..	..	30	
Corinth	E. C. Montague	Oxford	1	2		18 00
Enon	T. R. Averett	Oxford	1	4	50	30 04
Flat River Union	R. O. Critcher	Knapp of Reeds	1	3	30	
Grassy Creek	J. R. Calahan Robert Hester J. L. Clark	Young's X Roads	3			
Hester's	L. Knott	Oxford	1	6	41	40 00
Island Creek	R. L. Dunn	Williamsboro	2	12	120	14 00
	J. G. Morgan	Williamsboro				
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Whelous		1	5		
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	3	25	11 35
Mountain Creek	J. A. Watkins	Young's X Roads	1	6	65	
Mt. Zion	D. J. Gooch	Berea	1	6	52	25 90
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	1	10	150	109 55
Olive Branch	J. D. Ramsey		1	4	51	
Olive Grove	A. B. Smith		1	4	24	
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford	1	5	44	32 10
Providence			1			
Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	1	6	31	15 00
Rock Spring	C. Gordon		1			
Sassafras Fork	M. L. Traylor	Sassafras	1	6	40	
State Line	W. S. Gordon		1			
Tally Ho			1			4 50

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE IST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

ANTIOCH CHURCH, PERSON CO., N. C.,

August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1887.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD, ... Oxford, N. C.
CLERK—WALTER P. STRADLEY, ... Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM, ... Oxford, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, PERSON CO., N C.,
August 16th, 1887.

The sermon introductory to the 94th session of the Flat River Association was preached at the stand by Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., of Scotland Neck, N. C., from Romans 5 : 9. At the same hour Rev. W. B. Wingate occupied the pulpit in the church. In the

AFTERNOON,

after devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. T. W. Greer, the Moderator, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, called the Association to order. The roll of churches was then called, their letters read, and delegates enrolled, as follows :

Amis Chapel—W. C. Rogers, *Lubrie Chandler, John Pool.
Bethany—Thomas Sweeney, B. C. Riggs, *W. H. Copley.
Antioch—W. A. Barton, C. H. Taft, A. A. Tinger.
Concord—Thomas Smith, J. D. Clark, *T. B. Clark.
Bethel—W. M. T. Woody, John C. Rogers, G. D. Neal.
Corinth—J. W. Pittard, *J. I. Gordon, W. C. Pittard.
Enon—*J. P. Cannaday, W. J. Royster, W. H. Smith.
Fellowship—*D. R. Weathers, W. S. Beck, *D. S. Lawrence.
Flat River Union—*E. H. Veazey, *W. E. Boswell, David Hall.
Grassy Creek—John L. Pittard, W. P. Wilkerson, *G. W. Rogers.
Henderson—*T. L. Mitchell, *T. M. Pittman, J. H. Lassiter.
Hester's—R. W. Hobgood, C. L. Taylor, R. B. Brooks.
Island Creek—*W. H. Green, *S. A. Green, *J. R. Perkinson.
Mary's Chapel—J. Z. Allen. N. T. Jones.
Mill Creek B. F. Gentry, S. A. Clayton, J. S. Gentry.
Mountain Creek—L. S. Elliott, G. T. Watkins, *Charles Williams.
Mt. Zion—D. J. Gooch, E. A. Howard, J. F. Meadows.
Mt. Harmony—*D. W. Knott, P. W. Peed, S. Bumpass.
New Light—
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, *Dr. J. S. Meadows, Groves J. Day.
Olive Grove—
Poplar Creek—A. C. Parham, *Chas. Ball, *J. E. Collis.
Olive Branch—James Hayes, *J. J. Drumright, G. J. Jones.
Providence—J. M. Long, Drury Gravitt, A. C. Long.
Pleasant Grove—
Roxboro—R. K. Daniel, Josephus Younger, A. R. Foushee.
Rock Spring—F. D. Harris, J. T. Harris, Chalmers Gordon.
Sassafras Fork—Uriah Cutts, J. H. Wilson, J. T. C. Norwood.
State Line—J. Y. Ramsey, T. A. Royster, W. S. Gordon.
Tally Ho—H. T. Beasley, J. H. Thompson, C. H. Washington.

*Absent.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of F. P. Hobgood, Moderator; Walter P. Stradley, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., Scotland Neck, N. C., Bro. John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, and Rev. C. S. Farriss, Editor *Biblical Recorder*, responded to the invitation extended to visiting brethren to take seats in the Association.

The Moderator announced the following

COMMITTEES:

Periodicals—Rev. J. A. Stradley, W. C. Rogers, W. A. Copley.
State Missions—John E. Ray, Thomas Smith, W. M. T. Woody,
Foreign Missions—Rev. J. D. Hufham, J. W. Pittard, W. S. Gordon.
Home Missions—Rev. R. H. Marsh, E. C. Montague, Geo. T. Watkins.
Education—Rev. R. T. Vann, W. H. Smith, D. S. Lawrence.
Church Letters—Rev. J. H. Lamberth, A. R. Foushee.
Baptist Orphanage—Rev. R. VanDeventer, Rev. J. D. Hufham, J. J. Meadows.
Place and Preaching for Next Session—J. H. Lassiter, D. J. Gooch, Graves Day.
Sunday Schools—T. H. Street, W. P. Wilkerson, G. W. Rogers.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Antioch Church.

On motion, the Report on Periodicals was made the special order for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, and the Report on State Missions the special order for 11 o'clock. Adjourned.

Sermons were preached at the stand this morning by Revs. C. H. Humphries and R. T. Vann.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 17.

The Moderator, after calling the Association to order, introduced Rev. R. T. Vann as the representative of the Board of Education.

Rev. T. W. Greer led devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

At 10 o'clock Rev. J. A. Stradley read the following Report on Periodicals, which, after a lively discussion by Rev. J. A. Stradley, Rev. C. S. Farriss, James A. Lassiter, J. J. Meadows, A. C. Parham, Robert Hobgood and Dr. J. D. Hufham, was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We take pleasure in commending to every Baptist family in our Association the *Biblical Recorder*, published in Raleigh, N. C., C. T. Bailey, proprietor, Elder C. S. Farriss, editor. No Baptist can be properly prepared to do his work as a christian, who does not read his State religious paper.

We earnestly recommend that each pastor in the Association will see to it, that each church in his care be thoroughly canvassed for subscribers to the *Recorder*. It might be well to have a standing agent in each church for this work.

We also commend to our people the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published in Richmond, Va.

We also call special attention to *Charity and Children*, the organ of our Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.

J. A. STRADLEY,
W. C. ROGERS,
W. H. COPLEY.

Rev. J. A Stradley moved that the Report on Education be discussed the first thing in the afternoon, to be followed immediately by the discussion of the Orphanage.

At 11 o'clock Bro. John E. Ray read and discussed the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The interest in this department of our work is constantly increasing; and year by year God is adding His seal to the efforts put forth. A larger number of missionaries are under the employment of the State Board of Missions than at any time in the history of the Convention. Eighty-one men have been commissioned this year, and are laboring to carry the gospel into every portion of the State now destitute. Three of these have been preaching in the bounds of this Association.

It will be remembered that this Association turned all its mission work over to the State Board a year ago. The requests of the Executive Committee have all been complied with, and the work is going on encouragingly and harmoniously.

The reports of the missionaries in this Association, and all through the State, show most gratifying results. A very large number of new churches and Sunday-schools have been organized, several new houses of worship finished, and many more are in process of erection, while the preached word has met with wonderful success. Several hundred souls have already been baptized by the missionaries, and a great many are awaiting baptism, and indications point to even larger and more glorious results.

Since our Association work has been turned over to the State Board, our contributions to Associational Missions go in that channel. And we should strive to make them as large as possible. Owing to the short crops and the close times financially, our contributions have fallen off a good deal. Let us strive to make up this deficit before the meeting of the Convention in November, and thus relieve our State Board of all embarrassment and our missionaries of need.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY,
THOS. SMITH,
W. M. T. WOODY,
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned till 1½ o'clock.

John E Ray

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. B. Wingate.

The Clerk read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The great need of our churches to-day is consecrated, educated christian men and women. To meet this need, two schools especially, Wake Forest College and Oxford Female Seminary, are doing excellent work. They deserve the sympathy and patronage of the Association.

The object of the Board of Education is to aid needy young men who are seeking an education, and who have impressed the brethren of their respective churches that they are called of God to preach the gospel. The Board has no organic connection with the college, but depends for its support upon the contributions of the churches of the different Associations.

This Association contributed to the Board last year $318—more than any other Association.

Last year thirty-six young ministers were aided; but the ever-increasing demand for more requires an enlargement of the Board's work. It cannot go forward without the support of the churches. The need is urgent. If the contributions are not increased, the number of beneficiaries must be diminished, for the Board closed its last year's work with a debt of about $1,600 to paralyze its further efforts.

After January next the Board hopes to put a man in the field whose sole work shall be to present its claims to the churches of the State.

R. T. VANN, *Chairman Committee.*

The report having been discussed by Dr. Hufham, Rev. J. A. Stradley, and Rev. R. T. Vann, was adopted.

Dr. Hufham read the report on the Orphanage, the consideration of which, on motion, was postponed till 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

REPORT OF BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The establishment of this institution marks an era in the history of the Baptists of the State. It is the beginning of a movement, prominent in the work of our Lord and His apostles, to care for the bodily ills and ailments of the people, relieving them as far as possible. Our Lord meant that His people should be eyes to the blind, ears to the deaf, feet to the lame, friends to the friendless. The establishment of the Orphanage marks the recognition of this high duty, this great privilege, on the part of our brethren. Its progress thus far is without a parallel in the whole history of the State. Without an agent, and without machinery for the collection of money, God has inclined His people to furnish the funds absolutely needful to the establishment and support of the institution.

During the year just closed, more than $6,000 have been contributed. A beautiful chapel has been erected, in which the orphans meet in Sunday-school and to hear preaching. Other improvements have also been made, and all the running expenses have been paid. Seventy orphans have been received since the opening of the institution. Fifty-eight are still there. There has been only one case of sickness requiring the attendance of a physician.

It is estimated that ten thousand dollars will be required to carry on the work for the year. A house is needed for the General Manager. A home is needed for

aged indigent ministers. Five hundred dollars should be furnished to provide printing outfit for the Orphanage journal, *Charity and Children*. Thirteen hundred dollars are also urgently needed to meet the last payment on one of the tracts of land belonging to the Orphanage.

We commend the institution to the prayerful consideration of the churches of your body. It is Christ-like in its spirit and aim, and well worthy of the best that we can do for it.

J. D. HUFHAM, *Acting Chairman.*

Dr. Hufham read and discussed the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From Shanghai, the field in which our body is specially interested, there come glad tidings. Bro. Herring has commenced preaching to the Chinese in their native tongue, though it is but a little over a year ago that he reached his field. Four persons had been baptized at date of last advices, and the church was enjoying a season of gracious revival, with indications of coming prosperity. Bro. Bryan, who went out with Bro. Herring, has also commenced preaching in the native tongue. The other stations in China likewise give indications of the Divine favor in an unusual degree.

In Italy the absence of Bro. Taylor and the temporary retirement of Bro. Eager on account of the summer heat, have created a sort of pause in the work. Bro. Taylor will soon return, and we may hope speedily to see the early promise of that mission more than realized.

In Brazil the prosperity of the mission has been affected by the absence of Bro. Bagley in this country to recruit his health. He is to go back very soon, carrying reinforcements. There is reason to look for increased prosperity with the increase of working force.

From Africa there is no recent intelligence. Bro. David and his co-laborers are maintaining their ground, waiting and hoping for the blessings promised to those who "sow in tears."

In Mexico God continues to bless the work of our missionaries in a most wonderful degree. The history of modern missions hardly affords a parallel. The story of it reads more like a chapter from the acts of the apostles. At every point God is blessing the preached Word in the conversion and baptism of sinners. Men come a great distance to hear the Word, and our missionaries are constantly urged to go into new fields to preach to the people.

One thing in reference to all these things: God calls His people not only to maintain the work already begun, but also to enlarge it as rapidly as possible.

J. D. HUFHAM,
J. W. PITTARD,
W. S. GORDON,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Report on Church Letters was read, as given below, by Bro. A. R. Foushee, chairman committee. Discussed by Bro. A. C. Parham and Rev. R. H. Marsh, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	Total Membership	S. Schools.	Baptized.	Total amount for Benevolence.	INCREASE OR DECREASE IN CONTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH LAST.	Per capita.
Antioch	77	1	25	$ 268 00	3 times as much	$3 49
Amis' Chapel	178	1	....	216 45	3 times as much	1 22
Bethel	154	3	33	49 05	⅓ times less	32
Bethany	50	1	7	21 03	2⅓ times as much	42
Concord	100	2	....	131 05	¼ times more	1 31
Corinth	137	1	4	11 06	⅞ less	8
Enon	94	1	2	158 21	¼ times more	1 72
Fellowship	82	..	....	18 64	18.64 more	22¾
Flat River Union	119	1	3	88 32	small increase	75
Grassy Creek	277	2	....	58 39	40 per cent. less	21
Henderson	101	1	5	801 50	3 1-5 times more*	7 93
Hesters	198	1	3	126 94	60 per cent less	64
Island Creek	188	1	7	158 95	40 per cent. less	83
Mary's Chapel	46	1	6	3 50	40 per cent. less	7¾
Mill Creek	144	1	24	120 65	1-6 increase	84
Mountain Creek	229	1	28	99 35	1-6 times less	43
Mt. Zion	215	1	19	763 88	over 100 per rent.	3 55*
Mt. Harmony	47	1	14	1 00	⅔ less	2
New Light	.....	..	...	.....	No letter received	.....
Oxford	153	1	5	708 29	⅛ increase	4 63
Olive Branch	189	1	1	6 25	¾ less	3¾
Olive Grove	.....	..	.0	.....	No letter received	.....
Poplar Creek	127	1		227 19	Small decrease	1 78
Providence	63	1	10	4 50	Don't know last year	7
Pleasant Grove	.....	..	...	.....	No letter received	.....
Roxboro	44	1	5	157 05	Small decrease	3 5
Sassafras Fork	48	1	9	59 67	Don't know last year	1 25
Rock Spring	20		2	1 50	Don't know last year	7½
State Line	51	1	12	5 66	Don't know last year	11
Tally Ho	140	1	15	59 78	Small increase	42½
Total	3,271	29	239	$4,325 33		$1 32
					1886 was	93
Increase of all	285	4	60	$1,537 58		39

*This report does not include salary of pastors.

J. H. Lassiter, chairman Committee on Time and Place of Next Session, read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your Committee on Time and Place beg leave to report place, Poplar Creek, Vance county, N. C.; time, Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1888; Introductory Sermon, Rev. R. VanDeventer.

JAMES H. LASSITER,
D. J. GOOCH,
G. DAY,
Committee.

The Report on Home Missions was read by the Clerk, and discussed by Rev. J. A. Stradley.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following facts, as they are furnished by the Corresponding Secretary of the State Baptist Convention. The work of the Home Mission Board during the past Conventional year has been as follows:

Missionaries		251
Places occupied		822
Baptisms	3,923	
Received by letter	2,319	
Total additions	6,242	
Sunday-schools reported		318
Teachers and pupils		13,031
Churches constituted		119
Houses of worship built		62

THE EXPENDITURES

Have been for missions	$ 86,827 05
Our missionaries have raised for houses of worship built upon their fields of labor	35,270 15
Total	$ 122,097 20

This sum represents actual work done for the Baptists of the South.

TWENTY-FIVE

of our missionaries have labored among the colored people, of whom five have been engaged in giving theological instruction to their preachers and other official members.

While in no part of our wide field have we been without evidences of the Divine favor, our greatest success has been in

CUBA,

where Bro. A. J. Diaz has organized three churches, baptized 325, established four Sunday-schools and three day schools, where the children are instructed in religious truth as well as such branches of learning as are ordinarily taught in these schools.

These daily schools are rendered necessary by the persecutions to which Baptists are subjected in that island.

During the year there were many calls for help, which we could not answer.

THIS YEAR

the Board proposes to enlarge its work.

THE INDIANS

are appealing piteously to us for more men. They want, and must have, another school, to be located at Atoka, in the Choctaw Nation.

IN FLORIDA,

besides the smaller towns and other places to which our work must be extended, Pensacola, St. Augustine, and the thousands of Cubans at Tampa, must be helped.

LOUISIANA,

including New Orleans, requires double what she received last year. Such men as Penic and Tompkies say she must have it or disasters will follow.

The work among our

COLORED PEOPLE,

so auspiciously begun, must be enlarged until it reaches every State in the South.

CUBA

must have missions opened in Matanzas, Cardenas, Santiago de Cuba, and other cities, where we are told that thousands anxiously wait the coming of the Heralds of the Cross.

SIX NATIVE CUBANS,

whom God has called to the work of the ministry, instructed by Bro. Diaz, are now prepared to go forth preaching Christ to their countrymen.

We must send these, or disobey the call of the Divine Spirit. Then we must have a

HOUSE OF WORSHIP

in Havana. This is an imperative need.

We would weary you with a recital of these wants of special fields.

The Baptists of the South have made it our business to look after this department of their work, and we say to our brethren that we must have

THIS YEAR

an increase of fifty per cent. upon the receipts of last year.

God has so enlarged the sphere of our labors that nothing less than this will enable us to do what is imperatively demanded of the Board.

Respectfully, R. H. MARSH, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 18th.

After devotional exercises, Rev. T. W. Greer was requested by motion to read a report of work done by him as missionary of the Association at Rock Spring and State Line churches. The following is his report:

REPORT OF REV. T. W. GREER.

To John Meadows, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Flat River Association:

DEAR BROTHER:—The following report is for 7½ months' labor, commencing January 1st, 1887, with Rock Spring and State Line churches:

Number of sermons preached	55
Churches supplied	2
Prayer meeetings attended	29
Religious visits made	77
Number Baptized	12
Added by Letter	4
Protracted meetings held	1
Professed conversions	27

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. GREER, *Missionary.*

After brief remarks on the report by Rev. T. W. Greer and Bro. W. S. Gordon, a subscription (see "Subscriptions" below) amounting to $90.00, was raised to lift the debt on State Line Church.

Dr. Hufham, in a thrilling speech, opened the discussion of the report on the Orphanage, which was read Wednesday afternoon. He was followed in the discussion by Revs. R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley and J. H. Lamberth, and brethren T. H. Street, A. C. Parham and J. H. Lassiter.

Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. R. H. Marsh offered the following resolutions as an amendment:

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE ORPHANAGE.

WHEREAS, It is important that the last tract of land belonging to the Orphanage at Thomasville be paid for; and

WHEREAS, Five hundred dollars now on hand would greatly help to that end; and

WHEREAS, Bro. J. H. Lassiter, of Henderson, agrees to advance $500 for the Association; therefore,

Resolved, That the Association accept the proposition of Bro. Lassiter, and request Bro. J. D. Hufham to visit the churches and raise this amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Association on the Flat River building, promised by us to be built.

The report was adopted as amended.

The Treasurer, A. C. Parham, made his report, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Contingent Fund.	Education.	F. Missions.	H. Missions.	S. Schools.	State Missions.	Orphanage.
Amis' Chapel	$ 2 00	$ 10 17	$ 18 06	$ 5 50	$	$ 17 62	$ .....
Antioch	2 00	3 95	6 00	3 45	.....	25 75	.....
Bethel	2 00	6 84	23 78	13 83	.....	.....	8 60
Bethany	1 10	7 29	25	4 60	.....	7 79	.....
Concord	2 00	10 25	13 75	5 00	.....	5 05	5 00
Corinth	1 50	05	4 46	2 10	.....	2 95	.....
Enon	1 50	11 25	60 13	15 55	.....	11 75	11 25
Fellowship	1 75	.....	.....	6 04	.....	.....	.....
Flat River Union	1 50	10 00	10 00	6 00	.....	14 40	42 00
Grassy Creek	2 10	7 15	2 95	10 00	.....	.....	13 65
Henderson	1 50	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hester's	2 50	13 31	29 22	9 75	.....	17 00	9 03
Island Creek	2 00	13 00	20 40	12 65	.....	58 00	25 00
Mill Creek	3 00	16 12	15 00	10 00	.....	17 00	.....
Mountain Creek	1 47	6 50	17 00	15 84	.....	9 00	6 50
Mt. Zion	1 70	24 78	224 91	15 16	2 80	216 80	33 25
Mt. Harmony	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Mary's Chapel	50	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Light	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	1 50	56 09	62 33	23 71	.....	28 19	16 14
Olive Branch	1 50	.....	.....	4 75	.....	.....	.....
Olive Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence	1 00	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Creek	2 00	6 65	56 10	13 45	3 99	86 12	36 75
Roxboro	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	17 00
Rock Spring	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
State Line	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 32	.....
Tally Ho	1 50	3 60	10 00	2 65	.....	5 00	19 10
Sassafras Fork	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$43 87	$318 10	$580 84	$180 03	$ 6 79	$540 74	$233 17
Cash col., at Ass.,	.....	9 75	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....
		$327 85				$560 74	

Dr. Hufham, by invitation, spoke concerning Greenville Memorial Church.

The Association adopted the following Report on Sunday-schools, as read by Bro. T. H. Street:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

There is a gradual improvement in the work, and we think the cause is taking a permanent hold upon our churches. We are sorry there is a lack of interest in our country churches. There is not that enthusiasm in the work, either in our Association or State, as there was a few years ago; and why do

we say so? Because we have abandoned Institutes and Conventions, feeling that the Sunday-school is a great auxiliary to the church. The above unfavorable remarks ought not so to be, but let us bestir ourselves, and thereby increase a general interest in a cause that is second only to the gospel in bringing souls to Christ. T. H. STREET.

Bro. A. C. Parham moved that the delegates be appointed to the Convention, which is to convene at Durham. The Moderator appointed brethren Samuel Haywood, A. C. Parham and T. H. Street.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, as offered by Dr. Hufham:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the pastor and members of this church, and to the people of the community, for their hospitality and courtesy to us during our present session.

J. D. HUFHAM.

Rev. R. H. Marsh offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk $10 for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the State Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions, and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

The time for closing the session having arrived, the hymn, "Sweet By and Bye," was sung, and the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next session.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

WALTER P. STRADLEY, *Clerk*.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO STATE LINE CHURCH.

Amis' Chapel	$ 5 00
Antioch	3 00
Bethany	3 00
Bethel	5 00
Enon	5 00
F. R. Union	5 00
Grassy Creek	8 00
Henderson	6 00
Hester's	5 00
Island Creek	5 00
Mary's Chapel	3 00
Mill Creek	5 00
Mountain Creek	5 00
Mt. Zion	5 00
Oxford	5 00
Olive Branch	2 00
Poplar Creek	5 00
Roxboro	5 00
Tally Ho	5 00
	$ 90 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO STATE MISSIONS,

(*To be Paid by November* 11, 1887.)

Mill Creek	$ 20 00
Henderson	20 00
J. Younger (pd)	5 00
Mt. Zion (special fund)	70 00
Mt. Zion, per D. J. Gooch, B. D. Howard, &c	15 00
J. W. Pittard (pd)	3 00
J. L. Pittard (pd)	1 00
T. J. Smith	2 00
J. D. Clark (pd)	1 00
	$ 137 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Henderson Church	$ 30 00
F. P. Hobgood	5 00
T. H. Street	5 00
Sassafras Fork	5 00
S. Bumpass (pd)	2 00
Rev. J. A. Beam (pd)	2 00
Rev. W. B. Wingate (pd)	1 00
D. J. Gooch (pd)	1 00
Rev. R. H. Marsh (pd)	1 00
Samuel Haywood (pd)	25
	$ 52 25

PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. A. Beam	Roxboro	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah	2d " " "
Bethany	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	R. C. Jones	Mariah	2d " " "
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Roxboro	S. C. Humphries		4th " " "
Concord	N. S. Jones	Rogers' Store	Samuel Clark	Dutchville	2d " " "
Corinth	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	L. Hobgood	Reamston	2d " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	W. H. Smith	Oxford	4th " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	I. H. Perry	Beck	4th " " "
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds	4th " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. R. Roysdale	Youngs Cross Roads	4th " " "
Henderson	R. Van Deventer	Henderson	J. L. H. Missillier	Henderson	Every Sabbath.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	Lawson Knott	Oxford	2d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Wilhamsboro	3d " " "
Mary's Chapel	F. H. Poston	Wake Forest	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	1st " " "
Mill Creek	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek	2d " " "
Mountain Creek	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	D. W. Eakes	Oak Hill	3d " " "
Mt. Zion	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	J. H. Meadows	Berea	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	Simeon Bumpass	Mt. Tirzah	4th " " "
New Light					
Oxford	Jno. S. Hardaway	Oxford	B. F. Taylor	Oxford	Every Sabbath.
Olive Branch	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	W. T. Humphries	Collier	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Olive Grove					
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Henderson	1st Sabbath and Sat. before
Providence	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	A. C. Long	Chub Lake	1st " " "
Pleasant Grove					
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	3d Sabbath and night.
Rock Spring	T. W. Greer	Woodworth	Chalmers Gordon	Woodworth	4th Sabbath and Sat. before.
Sassafras Fork	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. T. C. Norwood	Stovall	2d " " "
State Line	T. W. Greer	Woodworth	Thos. Wilson	Clarksville Va	1st " " "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	R. S. Jones	Tally Ho	3d " " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'md by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel	$ 1 50	$ 141 00		2		2	3	1	68	110	178
Antioch		220 00	25	7				2	28	49	77
Bethany			7	6		3		1	20	30	50
Bethel			33		3	7	1	5	54	100	154
Concord	1 50							3	31	69	100
Corinth			4	1		6		2	45	92	137
Enon	2 50	21 15	2	9	1		1		41	53	94
Fellowship				2		4	1	1	25	57	82
Flat River Union			3		1	2	2	7	34	85	119
Grassy Creek	2 00			1		14	4	2	96	181	277
Henderson	10 00	350 00	5	5		3					101
Hester's			3		2	8	5	4	81	117	198
Island Creek			7	1		15	9	1	83	105	188
Mary's Chapel			6	2		1			12	34	46
Mill Creek	2 00	6 00	24	4	5	18	5	3	54	90	144
Mountain Creek	2 00	33 00	28	4	3	9	3	5	80	149	229
Mt. Zion			19	2		6	2	3	94	121	215
Mt. Harmony			14	2		3			16	31	47
Oxford	8 00	*133 75	5	5		3	1		61	92	153
Olive Branch				2		1			63	126	189
Poplar Creek				1		1	2	1	46	81	127
Providence			10	2			2				63
Roxboro	2 00	51 00	5	13					20	24	44
Rock Spring			2	1					10	10	20
Sassafras Fork	1 50	24 00	9	12					21	27	48
State Line		†800 00	12	3					24	27	51
Tally Ho			15	3		3	3	3	55	85	140
			238	90	15	109	44	44	1,162	1,935	3,097

*Internal Improvement by Ladies' Aid Society.
†Expended for building the church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	Church Extension	For Poor.	Unclassified.	Bryan House.
Amis' Chapel	$	$ 7 60	$ 4 50	$	$
Antioch					
Bethany					
Bethel					
Concord				90 00	
Corinth					
Enon		1 73	18 92		
Fellowship		10 85			
Flat River Union				5 92	
Grassy Creek					
Henderson					
Hester's			51 13		
Island Creek		8 50			6 62
Mary's Chapel	1 00				
Mill Creek					
Mountain Creek			9 50		
Mt. Zion	10 00				
Oxford	42 30	99 20			
Olive Branch					
Poplar Creek			10 00		10 25
Providence					
Roxboro		37 25			12 80
Sassafras Fork		8 25			
Tally Ho		4 75	6 35		
	$ 54 30	$ 178 13	$100 40	$ 95 92	$ 29 70

NOTE.—Oxford gave $25.00 to Charleston Church.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES.	Schools	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Contributions.
Amis' Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1	4	50	$ 7 61
Antioch	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro	1	7	68	
Bethel	Ruffin Woody	Bethel Hill	3	11	110	10 00
	J. B. Barrett					
	Sam Weekey	Hyco				
Concord	A. M. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	2	8	75	13 60
	E. C. Coley	Dutchville				
Corinth	E. C. Montague	Oxford	1	4	*30	
Enon	T. R. Averitt	Oxford	1	4	*52	24 84
F. R. Union	R. O. Critcher	Knap of Reeds	1	8	*35	
Grassy Creek	J. G. Pittard	Pittards P. O.				
	J. R. Calahan	Brownsville	2	9	147	19 64
Hester's	Lawson Knapp	Oxford	1	6	*50	39 05
Henderson	T. M. Pitt[illegible]	[illegible]	1	20	142	350 00
Island Creek	J. G. Morgan	Williamsboro	1	8	*50	3 75
Mary's Chapel	J. A. Wheelons		1	4	50	
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	5	61	25 58
Mountain Creek	J. A. Watkins	Young's X Roads	1	5	60	
	W. J. Downey					
Mt. Zion	D. J. Gooch	Berea	1	8	55	34 84
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	1	10	*150	16 07
Olive Branch	"A good Sabbath	S. every day"				
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford	1	7	*52	33 00
Providence	J. H. Penticost		1		*50	
Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	1	6	35	12 00
Sassafras Fork	Marcus Taylor	Stovall	1	6	50	
State Line	W. S. Gordon		1		67	
Tally Ho	J. A. Thomason	Tally Ho	1	3	*24	

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	*Post Offices.*
Rev. J. W. Atkinson,	Hutchinsons' Store, N. C.
" J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill, "
" W. A. Barrott,	Franklinton, "
" T. W. Greer,	Woodworth, "
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, "
" T. J. Horner,	Henderson, "
" C. F. Humphries,	Oxford, "
" C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford, "
" N. S. Jones,	Raleigh, "
" J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro, "
" J. H. Layton,	Berea, "
" R. H. Marsh, D. D.,	Oxford "
" E. J. Montague,	Allensville, "
" N P. Stallings,	Dutchville, "
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "
" R. Van Deventer,	Henderson, "
" J. W. Watson,	Henderson, "

LICENTIATES:

Rev. G. T. Watkins,	Young's X Roads, N. C.
" J. G. Blalock,	Berea, "
" W. F. Warren,	Bethel Hill, "

PROCEEDINGS.

POPLAR CREEK CHURCH, VANCE COUNTY, N. C.,

August 14, 1888.

According to adjournment, the Flat River Association met with Poplar Creek Church, Vance County, N. C., August 14th, 1888, at 11 o'clock a. m. to hear the Introductory sermon by Rev. R. Van Deventer, of Henderson, N. C., from Matt. 10: 1. In the

AFTERNOON,

after devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. Durham, Raleigh, N. C., the former Moderator, F. P. Hobgood, called the Association to order. The roll of churches was then called, their letters read, and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Amis Chapel—W. S. Holloway, R. Amis, T. B. Chandler*.
Antioch—J. L. Wilkerson*, C. H. Tapp, H. H. Nichols.
Bethany—Thos. Sweeney, J. A. Humphries, R. C. Jones.
Bethel—Ruffin Woody*, S. P. Gentry, S. C. Humphries.
Concord—E. C Coley*, J. H. Smith*. W. J. Coley.
Corinth—J. B. Elliott, E. T. Pittard, A. A. Clay.
Enon—T. R. Everett, P. H. Royster, S. T. Hunt.
Fellowship—D. T. Lawrence, W. L. Beck, J. W. Adams.
Flat River Union—R. Peed, E. H. Veasy, M. C. Washington*.
Grassy Creek—J. R. Ragsdale, T L. Winston, J. L. Pittard.
Henderson—J. H. Lassiter, J. W. Watson, T. M. Pitman.
Hester's—S. R. Pucket, J. M. Hobgood, J. H. Morris*.
Island Creek—R. L. Dunn, J. A. T. Shotwell, H. T. Shanks.
Mary's Chapel—N. J. Jones, J. Z Allen, G. H. Wheelous*.
Mill Creek—J. H. Gentry*, S. A. Clayton, T. H. Street.
Mountain Creek—D. W. Eakes, W. S. Eakes, Silas Frazier.
Mt. Zion—J. G. Blalock, B. D. Howard, J. C. Currin.
Mt. Harmony—T. K. Jones*, D. E. Peed, S. Bumpass*.
New Light—B. M. Medlin, R. T. Keith*, L. A. Wilson.

*Absent.

Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, D. A. Hunt, O. J. Hayes.
Olive Grove—A. B. Smith*, Alford Keithe. J. F. Bailey.
Olive Branch—W. T. Willborn*, E. D. Jones*, E. G. Y, Pool.
Poplar Creek—A. J. Wright, J. S. Parham, G. W. Ellington.*
Providence—J. L. Reagan*, G. W. Buchanan, Taylor Jackson.
Pleasant Grove—T. M. Thomason*, W. H Adcock*, E. B Jeffrey*.
Roxboro—R. K. Daniel. R. A Pass, C. T. Willson.
Rock Spring—F. D. Harris*, John Overby, Chalmers Gordon.
State Line—C. S. Gordon. J. Y. Ramsey, J. G. Pittard.
Sassafras—M. L. Traylor*, Uriah Cutts, W. H. Wilson.
Tally Ho—W. T. Hunt, S. P. Washington, J. H. Thomasson*.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of F. P. Hobgood, Moderator; C. T. Willson, Clerk; and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

Bro. B. D. Howard moved that the Clerk be paid fifteen dollars ($15) instead of ten dollars ($10) for his services.

Dr. C. T. Bailey, editor *Biblical Recorder*, Dr. C. E. Taylor, President Wake Forest College, Dr. John Mitchell, corresponding secretary Board of Education, Rev. C. Durham, corresponding secretary State Mission Board, and Rev. A. W. Crabtree, Colporter of the Association, responded to the invitation extended to visiting brethren to take seats in the Association.

The Moderator announced the following

COMMITTEES:

PERIODICALS—Rev. R. Van Deventer, J. J. Meadows, R. Amis, Dr. C. T. Bailey
STATE MISSIONS—Rev. T. W. Greer, Rev. C. Durham, D. A. Hunt.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. J. A. Stradley, R. K. Daniel, S. C. Humphries.
EDUCATION—Rev. J. S Hardaway; E. C. Coley, Dr. John Mitchell, Dr. C. E. Taylor
CHURCH LETTERS—T. H. Street, J. B. Elliott, Rev. J. A. Beam.
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE—J. W. Watson, O. J. Hays, Rev. H. W. Battle.
PLACE AND PREACHING FOR NEXT SESSION—B. D. Howard, R. A. Pass, S. T. Hunt,
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—T. M. Pitman, A. J. Wright, J. G. Blalock.
RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Pastor and Deacons of Poplar Creek church.

On motion the following committees were appointed:
TEMPERANCE—Rev. J. A. Beam, F. L. Traylor, W. H. Wilson.
FLAT RIVER ORPHANAGE BUILDING—B. F. Hester, R. Amis.
COLPORTAGE—C. F. Humphries, A. W. Crabtree, E. T. Buchanan.

* Absent.

On motion, the Report on State Missions was made the special order for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Dr. C. E. Taylor, Revs. H. W. Battle, C. Durham, and Dr. C. T. Bailey would preach at the stand Wednesday.

Adjourned till 9.30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 15.

Rev. J. M. White led devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Moderator introduced Rev. H. W. Battle, representative of the Orphanage, Rev J. M. White, President Excelsior Institute, and J. B. Brewer, President Chowan Female Institute.

At 10 o'clock Rev. C. Durham read and discussed the following Report on State Missions, which was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Activity is life. Stagnation is death. Our God-given work is our opportunity to make the most of life, uplift humanity, and glorify Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

The duties and responsibilities of life are the real tests of our faith and obedience to the Lord. These are with us no less practical or important than with Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Daniel, Peter, Paul and others whose names are given in the Book.

He, who, with authority, and in sincerity gives a command, expects it to be obeyed.

Jesus Christ, our Lord and final Judge, has commanded us to preach the Gospel to every creature, and He expects us to do it. Shall we meet or disappoint His expectations?

We live in perhaps the most marvellous age of the world's history. In the Lord's Kingdom the needs of consecrated men and means are great—very great.

The harvest is come. We should look on the fields, and the love of Christ should constrain us in all of our work.

The Board of Missions and Sunday Schools has since our last Convention commissioned eighty-three Missionaries and eleven Colporters—ninety-four in all. This is twelve more workers than ever before under this Board. The Board wisely gave the winter, spring and most of the summer to collections for the other objects, but now wishes to urge the claims of State Missions and

Colportage. Larger appropriations have been made this year than ever before, and, hence, larger collections must be made to meet the demands.

The Board recommends the 5th Sunday in September as "Children's Day" for State Missions and will send out a beautiful programme to all who may desire it. The Board is of the opinion that the Sunday School work in the State is not what it ought to be, and is not being developed as the other departments of our work. This might be remidied by the organization of a Sunday School Association in each Association as they now exist.

The Board publishes *The Gospel Herald*, a monthly, which it thinks is worthy of support, and will, if put into the homes of the people, greatly aid in all departments of the work.

This Association is strong in numbers, in ministry, in active laymen, in devotion and in means. Let these be wisely used and God's continued blessings may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. GREER,
C. DURHAM,
D. A. HUNT,
Committee.

On motion of Dr. R. H. Marsh a collection of $15.80 was taken up for State Missions.

At 11 o'clock Rev. R. Van Deventer read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder* has always been sound in doctrine, brave in defending the truth as Baptists hold it, and strongly but prudently setting forth Baptist principles.

In the *Biblical Recorder* our denominational work has a strong friend, our pastors a willing helper, and our people an educator. Therefore we recommend the paper to the churches, asking them to unite in making the paper a better and more worthy organ of the Baptist churches.

The *Foreign Mission Journal*, published in Richmond, Va., will keep the churches informed of the work and needs of our Missionaries in foreign lands. That our churches may be alive to their duty towards the Heathen, we commend this journal.

The *Gospel Herald* posseses advantage in that it gives information concerning all the mission work of the Baptist State Convention. This paper fills an important place in our work and promises to be useful in advancing our Master's cause. We ask that we do what we can to increase its circulation.

The *Children and Charity*, published at the Orphanage in Thomasville, N. C., is worthy of our patronage. In the name of the Orphans it comes to us; in the name of Jesus and the Orphans let us support it.

Our Sunday Schools will find in the *Kind Words* a paper sound in doctrine, healthy in morals, and instructive in reading. This paper is published by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga. We commend its use in the Sunday School.

The Publication Society will furnish all needed Sunday School helps at small cost.

Respectfully submitted,

R. VAN DEVENTER,
J. J. MEADOWS,
R. AMIS,
C. T. BAILEY,
Committee

Discussed by Dr. C. T. Bailey, Revs. C. Durham, R. Van Deventer, J. J. Stradley, and Bro. A. C. Parham.

On motion, Rev. N. P. Stallings was allowed to present the claims of Olive Grove church and a collection of $21.65 was taken up.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. John Mitchell, D. D.

The committee appointed to assertain how much had been contributed to the Flat River Orphanage Building reported as follows:

SPECIAL REPORT ON FLAT RIVER ORPHANAGE BUILDING.

The sources of information on this subject are not at hand, nor can they be procured during the present session. We, therefore, respectfully suggest that Dr. R. H. Marsh be appointed to ascertain how much the Association has contributed for building a house at the Baptist Orphanage and report at the next session. In the mean time publishing a full statement in the *Biblical Recorder*.

B. F. HESTER,
R. AMIS,
Committee.

Adopted.

Rev. J. S. Hardaway read the following Report on Education, which, after a lengthy discussion by Dr. John Mitchell, Dr. R. H. Marsh, Dr. C. E. Taylor, J. B. Brewer, Revs. J. M. White, J. A. Beam, W. F. Watson, and C. A. Jenkins, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is no need to urge in this Report the importance of education. If ever there was a time when to educate was a necessity, this is the time.

We regard with pride and pleasure the great work that is being done by Wake Forest College for the Baptist and North Carolina.

The Board of Education assisted thirty-nine young men who are preparing themselves for the gospel ministry, and the Board could do a much larger work if the needed funds were supplied.

The subject of Female education is attracting greater attention than ever before. Schools doing good work in this line abound throughout the State. We have in our midst the Oxford Female Seminary, a school of high grade, well equipped, and under excellent management, where our daughters have fine educational advantages offered them.

J. S. HARDAWAY,
E. C. COLEY,
JOHN MITCHELL,
C. E. TAYLOR,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. A. C. Parham, Bro. Joe Gordan laid before the Association the great need of a church at Fair Port. It was agreed that the delegates should lay this cause before their churches and forward all contributions to Bro. Gordan, at Reamston, N. C.

The committee on Place and Preacher reported as follows, which was adopted.

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHING.

The next meeting of Flat River Association will be with Enon church, Granville county, N. C., Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1889; Introductory Sermon, Rev J. H. Lamberth.

B. D. HOWARD,
R. A. PASS,
S. T. HUNT,
Committee.

Rev. J. A. Stradley read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS:

The Home Mission Board is located in Atlanta, Ga., with Drs. I. T. Tichenor and J. Wm. Jones as Corresponding Secretaries. The work of this Board is to give the Gospel to the destitute in the Southern and South-western States,

the Indian Territory, and the Island of Cuba. This is a large field. Vast destitution prevails. The Board has done a grand work. But much still remains to be done. Last year two hundred and fifty-one missionaries were at work in this field. They baptized 3,923 persons, and constituted 119 new churches.

Perhaps no mission field ever cultivated is yielding more encouraging results than Cuba. These Priest-ridden people are coming to Christ and the Baptists by the hundreds, almost by the thousands. Within the last few weeks one of the most prominent Catholic Priests of the Island, R. V. Molino, has become a Christian, and a Baptist preacher.

Let the churches of our Association increase their prayers and contributions for the promotion of the noble work of the Home Mission Board.

J. A. STRADLEY,
R. K. DANIEL,
S. C. HUMPHRIES,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, The Report on Foreign Missions was made the special order for 10.30 o'clock Thursday morning, to be followed by Report on Orphanage.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported Revs. J. M. White and J. D. Newton to preach at the stand Thursday morning.

Rev. J. D. Newton, of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, was introduced by the Moderator.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9.30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 16.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. D. Newton.

On motion Rev. J. D. Newton was allowed ten minutes to state the claims of Concord church. A collection of $8.58 was taken up at the stand for Concord church.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins read and discussed the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:

God's word declares that without the Gospel the heathens are hopelessly lost, and that it is the imperative duty of believers to send the glad tiding to

all the nations of the earth. It appears that many of the pastors and churches in the Flat River Association having never discovered such grave facts in the Scriptures, have acted accordingly. It gives your committee, nevertheless unfeigned joy to report that on the part of the majority of our churches, there is a decided increase in the contributions to Foreign Missions during the present associational year.

Five young men have been approved by the Foreign Mission Board for foreign fields from North Carolina, and others are preparing for the glorious work of declaring the Gospel to the regions beyond. We rejoice to know that from our own Association God has called to the Foreign work our beloved brother, Geo. T. Watkins, a young man of profound piety and great promise. A survey of the Foreign Mission work presents great encouragement. "The whole world is now open to the reception of the Gospel. The Bible is printed in two hundred and fifty different languages and dialects. There are 150,000,000 copies in circulation. The number of missionary societies is ten-fold what it was eight years ago. The number of converts is nearly fifty-fold. The increase in membership in heathen lands is thirty times greater than at home in proportion to the number of ministers employed, and yet there is need of a movement more deep and wide, more earnest and self denying, more bold and aggressive than anything that has yet been attempted, to reach the mighty generations abroad-- the one thousand million souls who are dying in Christless despair at the rate of one hundred thousand a day,

C. A. JENKINS,
Chairman Committee.

Rev. J. S. Hardaway offered the following amendment to the report:

RESOLVED, That with the concurrency of the Foreign Mission Board, the Flat River Association adopt Bro. G. T. Watkins as her missionary and pledge herself to support him at the Seminary and on the foreign field.

The amendment was discussed by Rev. J. A. Stradley, Dr. C. T. Bailey and Rev. J. S. Hardaway, and the report adopted as amended.

The report on Orphanage was read by Rev. J W. Watson and discussed by Rev. H. W. Battle.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE:

Christ came into this world to minister and not to be ministered unto. He gave His life for the poor. He became poor that we through Him might be made rich. We, the followers of Christ, should minister unto the poor and needy—the fatherless. God says that the poor shall never cease in the land and commands us to gather together the tithes of all our increase that the

fartherless may come, eat and be satisfied, that He may bless us and whatever we undertake may prosper.

There are numbers of Baptist orphans all over the land, who are needing homes, food and clothing.

There is being built for them a home at Thomasville. For the support and maintenance of this great and glorious work, God commands us to open wide our hands. If necessary "sell what we have and give to the poor."

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. WATSON,
Chairman Committee.

Adopted.

On motion a collection was taken up for the Orphanage.

The committee appointed to settle with Bro. J. H. Lassiter for the money borrowed for the Flat River Orphange Building, reported as follows:

Report of committee appointed to settle the account of Bro. J. H. Lasiter against the Association for money borrowed.

Flat River Association,

1887	To J. H. LASSITER		DR.
Oct. 10,	To Cash to J. H. Mills,		$500,00
" " "	" pd. Telegram		40
Dec. 1,	" discount on Check		25
1888			
July 26,	" Interest		31 77
			$532.42
1887		CR.	
Nov. 8,	By Cash of G. W. Wright	$ 52.25	
Dec. 1,	" Dr. Hufham's check	100 00	
" 2,	" Cash of Dr. Hufham	30 00	
" 12,	" " of A. C. Parham	10 00	
1888			
Jan'y. 7	" " of " "	5.00	
" 10	" " of J. A. Stradley	4 00	
July 26	" Interest	10.36	
" "	" Cash of Dr. Hufham	53 10	
" "	" Check of " "	130 10	
Aug. 7	" Cash, Henderson Baptist Church	50.00	444.81
			$87.61
Aug. 14	Cash in hand	88.92	
	Balance due Association	1.31	

Adopted.

Rev. J. A. Stradley read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas the drinking of intoxicating liquors is bringing so much disgrace and trouble to our churches; Therefore we kindly recommend each of our churches to prepare a "Total Abstinence Pledge," and invite each of her members to sign it, thereby binding themselves not to drink intoxicating liquors, except strictly as a medicine, or at the communion table.

We recommend further, that occasional public meetings be held in the interest of "Total Abstinence," and that all persons who will, be requested to sign the pledge. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAM, *Ch'm'n Com.*

After being discussed by Bro. Peed and Rev. J. S. Hardaway, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer, A. C. Parham, made his report, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Churches.	Contingent Fund.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Sunday Schools.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	F. R. Orphanage Building.
Amis' Chapel	$ 2 00	$ 12 75	$ 24 90	$ 6 80	$	$ 18 00	$	$ 9 00
Antioch,	2 00	8 50	10 00	11 00		4 05		33 00
Bethel,	2 00	4 00	38 83	20 15		17 40		45 00
Bethany,	1 15	10 00	3 50	4 75		3 50		
Concord,	2 00	6 00	14 25	7 50		25 05		30 05
Corinth,	2 00	6 10				6 61		12 12
Enon,	1 50	17 90	69 45	22 75		16 75		
Fellowship,	1 50							
Flat River Union,	1 50	13 30	31 05	1 50		12 55	2 15	17 90
Grassy Creek,	2 10	4 02		5 85		10 00		40 00
Henderson,	1 50	55 00	75 66	20 00		124 00		50 00
Hester's,	2 00	3 10	26 25	11 60		31 95		50 00
Island Creek,	2 50	13 00	78 23	5 33		36 00		67 50
Mill Creek,	2 00	18 45	27 35	7 00		14 17		17 75
Mountain Creek,	2 00	13 07	34 00	16 21		16 10		37 50
Mt. Zion,	2 00	50 75	379 55	39 25	5 86	384 65	65 00	
Mt. Harmony,	1 10		6 70	50				
Mary's Chapel,	50			1 50				
New Light,	2 25							
Oxford,	2 00	48 90	121 07	19 86		27 50	14 00	50 00
Olive Branch,	1 75		4 37			4 38		17 80
Olive Grove,	1 00						25	
Pleasant Grove,	2 00							
Providence,	1 32	7 28						
Poplar Creek,	2 25	5 70	68 75	13 00		68 50	29 30	67 25
Roxboro,	2 00	17 25	23 50	7 25		10 00		25 00
Rock Spring,	50					5 16		
State Line,	1 68	4 34	3 42			6 15		21 20
Sassafras Fork,	1 50	5 00	23 68	5 00		17 20		20 50
Tally Ho,	1 84	2 00	10 50			26 90		14 55
	$51 44	$326 41	$1075 01	$226 80	$ 5 86	$886 57	$110 70	$626 12
Cash col., at Ass.,						15 80	10 23	
						$902 37	$120 93	

Dr. R. H. Marsh moved that the Treasurer pay out the money now on hand as may be desired by the contributors.

Prof. W. S. Savage, Principal of the Henderson Academy, was then introduced by the Moderator.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Stradley Rev. G. T. Watkins was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tenn., and Brethren T. H. Street, A. C. Parham, and Dr. R. H. Marsh delegates to the State Convention at Greensboro.

Bro. T. M. Pitman read and discussed the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To the Flat River Association:

Your Sunday School committee beg to say that the Sunday School is an essential feature of the work of every progressive, successful church, and that the real power and efficiency of the church is largely dependent upon the development of its members in the Sunday School. The saving truths of the gospel must be pressed home to souls—the doctrines of the christian religion must be taught as living principles entering into and forming an integral part of the character of those who accept them—the integrity of God's teachings must be preserved. Strong, well rounded christian characters must be developed in the members of our churches—that a strong and true front shall be intelligently opposed to every form of evil. No agency of the churches so supplement the work of the pastor along these lines as the Sunday School, and its importance cannot be too strongly urged upon our churches. An examination of the letters sent by the churches to this Association impresses your committee with the belief that this department of our church work is not in a healthy condition. This should be remedied as early as possible. A greater interest ought to be aroused in this work. Those who engage or are willing to engage in it ought to have opportunity for conference, exchange of views and experience. The various methods of Sunday School management, equipment and teaching ought to have careful study that those best suited for our purpose may be adopted. To this end your committee respectfully recommend the establishment of four Sunday School Institutes—two for the county of Granville, one for the county of Vance and one for the county of Person; that the Superintendents of schools in Granville county, with the Superintendent of Enon school as chairman, be a committee to meet in Oxford and arrange for the Granville Institutes; that the Vance county Superintendents, with the Superintendent of Island Creek school as chairman, be a committee to meet at Henderson and arrange for Vance Institute; that the Superintendents of the Person county schools, with the Superintendent of Mill Creek school as chairman, be a committee to meet at Roxboro and arrange for the Person Institute; that the Sunday Schools of this Association outside of these counties join that Institute most accessible to them, and that a report of the working of these Institutes be made to the next meeting of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. PITMAN,
Chairman Committee.

Adopted

Rev. C. A. Jenkins offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the pastors and delegates in this Association be requested to bring the action of the Association respecting the support of Bro. G. T.

Watkins at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary before their churches, and take collections for this purpose, forwarding the same to Treasurer F. H. Briggs, Raleigh, N. C., subject to draft of Bro. G. T. Watkins, by Oct. 1st, 1888.

Rev. C. F. Humphries offered the following

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.*

Colportage is a new work with us. The Board now has eleven colporters at work. These have all done well, and God's blessings have been upon the work. They are paid $25 per month, and they must pay their own expenses. Those who use a horse and buggy do it at their own expense. We commend this work to the churches as one of the objects to which the churches will make contributions. Help, brethren, with this good work. It is worthy.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. HUMPHRIES,
A. W. CRABTREE,
E. H. BEACHAM,
Committee.

Adopted.

Rev. J. A. Beam read the report on church letters, which was adopted.

*A collection of $7.20 was taken for this object at the stand Wednesday afternoon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Statistical and Comparative Table.

Churches.	Total Membership		Baptized.		Contributions to Benevolence.	Contributions to all Purposes.	Per capita.
	'87	'88	'87	'88	1887	1888	
Amis' Chapel	178	196		29	$ 216 45	$ 392 80	$ 54¼
Antioch,	77	86	25	17	268 00	* 72 55	83
Bethel,	154	161	33	7	49 05	375 46	93
Bethany,	50	65	7	16	21 03	* 37 90	58⅓
Concord,	100	109		8	131 05	500 30	92
Corinth,	137	126	4	3	11 06	* 24 33	19⅓
Enon,	94	114	2	11	158 21	423 35	1 52
Fellowship,	82	79			18 64	* 18 25	23
Flat River Union,	119	138	3	23	88 24	231 30	59
Grassy Creek,	277	240			58 39	* 162 99	68
Henderson,	101	136	5	21	801 50	1543 42	2 56½
Hester's,	198	202	3	19	126 94	* 172 02	85⅙
Island Creek,	188	195	7	8	158 95	* 239 06	1 22½
Mary's Chapel,	46	48	6	1	3 50	* 4 80	10
Mill Creek,	144	162	24	9	120 65	337 85	82½
Mountain Creek,	229	228	28	17	99 35	658 25	2 01
Mt. Zion,	215	236	19	16	763 88	* 949 61	1 39⅔
Mt. Harmony,	47	59	14	16	1 00	* 8 30	14
New Light,		170		17		* 2 25	1⅓
Oxford,	153	166	5	7	708 29	1353 53	2 52
Olive Branch,	189	195	1	16	6 25	247 50	14⅞
Olive Grove,		29		4		258 25	4⅓
Poplar Creek,	127	129		2	227 19	469 61	2 09
Providence,	63	128	10	33	4 50	233 43	10¾
Pleasant Grove,		74		4		* 2 00	2¾
Roxboro,	44	47	5	5	157 05	361 00	4 00
Rock Spring,	20	21	2		1 50	* 5 66	27
Sassafras Fork,	48	59	9	3	59 67	340 21	1 40
State Line,	51	61	12	6	5 66	202 74	58
Tally Ho,	140	145	15	16	59 78	* 96 84	66⅞
Total - - - - -	3271	3804	239	334	$4325 86	$9725 56	$ 93

* Does not include pastor's salary.

On motion the following resolution was adopted, as offered by Rev. J. S. Hardaway:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS,

RESOLVED, That the grateful thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to Poplar Creek Church for her elegant hospitality to us during our present session. J. S. HARDAWAY.

Bro. A. C. Parham moved that Brethren F. P. Hobgood and T. M. Pitman be appointed to prepare a blank form of church letter and send to each church and present their bill next Association.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned to the time and place adopted for next session.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

C. T. WILLSON, *Clerk*.

PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford	W. T. Chandler,	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch,	J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill	H. H. Nichols,	Mt Tirzah	2d " " "
Bethany,	C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford	R. C. Jones,	Moriah	2d " " "
Bethel,	J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	3d " " "
Concord,	N. S. Jones,	Raleigh	T. J Smith,	Dutchville	2d " " "
Corinth,	C. F. Humphries,	Oxford	L. Hobgood,	Reamston	2d " " "
Enon,	C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford	F. Y. Currin,	Oxford	4th " " "
Fellowship,	J. W. Atkinson,	Hutchinson's Store	T. H. Perry,	Beck	4th " " "
Flat River Union,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford	M. B. Walker,	Knap of Reeds	4th " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford	J. R. Ragsdale,	Young's X Roads	4th " " "
Henderson,	R. Van Deventer,	Henderson	J. L. H. Missillier	Henderson	Every Sabbath.
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford	Lawson Knott,	Oxford	2d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford	H. T. Shanks,	Winsboro	3d " " "
Mary's Chapel,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton	J. Z. Allen,	Grissom	1st " " "
Mill Creek,	J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro	J. L. Gentry,	Mill Creek	2d " " "
Mountain Creek,	C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford	D. W. Eakes,	Oxford	3d " " "
Mt. Zion,	" "	"	J. H. Meadows,	Berea	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony,	C. F. Humphries,	"	Simeon Bumpass,	Mt. Tirzah	4th " " "
New Light,	J. W. Atkinson,	Hutchinson's Store	J. A. J. Perry,	Hutchinson's Store	2d " " "
Oxford,	J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford	B. F. Taylor,	Oxford	Every Sabbath.
Olive Branch,	C. F. Humphries,	"	W. T. Humphries,	Collier	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Olive Grove,	N. P. Stallings,	Dutchville	J. F. Bailey,	Durham	1st " " "
Poplar Creek,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford	J. H. Parham,	Henderson	1st " " "
Providence,	C. F. Humphries,	"	Taylor Jackson,	Mill Creek	1st " " "
Pleasant Grove,	J. W. Atkinson,	Hutchinson's Store	W. A. Hester,	Mt. Energy	
Roxboro,	J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro	A. R. Foushee,	Roxboro	3d " and night.
Rock Spring,	T. W. Greer,	Woodworth	Chalmers Gordon,	Woodworth	4th " and Sat. before.
Sassafras Fork,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford	J. T. C. Norwood,	Stovall,	2d " " "
State Line,	T. W. Greer,	Woodworth	Thos Wilson,	Clarksville, Va.	1st " " "
Tally Ho,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford	C. H. Washington,	Tally Ho	3d " " "

CONTRIBUTION TO BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	For Poor.	Church Extension.	Unclassified.	Bryan House.
Amis' Chapel,	$ 26 60	$ 6 25	$	$ 6 90
Antioch,		3 00		
Bethany,			15 00	
Bethel,	10 85			
Concord,				
Corinth,				
Enon;		5 00		
Fellowship,		11 25		
Flat River Union,		5 00		6 08
Grassy Creek,			89 75	
Henderson,		6 00		11 00
Hester's,	40 25	11 85	3 12	
Island Creek,			49 00	7 86
Mary's Chapel,		3 00		
Mill Creek,			50 13	
Mountain Creek,	60 00	12 41	38 00	
Mt. Zion,	9 90	12 65		
Mt. Harmony,				
New Light,				
Oxford,				16 00
Olive Branch,				
Olive Grove,				
Poplar Creek,			10 11	
Pleasant Grove.				
Providence,				
Rock Spring,				
Roxboro,		5 00	101 00	
Sassafras Fork,				5 00
State Line,				
Tally Ho,		5 00	6 00	
	$147 60	$86 51	$ 392 11	$52 84

NOTE.—Oxford gave $7 00 to Judson Memorial church.
Henderson contributed $16 69 to Oxford Orphan Asylum.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expenses.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'md by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel	$200 00	$ 86 50	29	10	1	12	1		82	114	196
Antioch,			17	2		3	3	1	33	48	81
Bethany,			16	1			1		20	45	65
Bethel,	200 00	42 23	7	8		6	2		59	95	154
Concord,	150 00	250 00	8	5		2		3	34	75	109
Corinth,			3	6		14	6		40	86	126
Enon,	250 00	28 16	11	16		7		2	48	66	114
Fellowship,				2		3	1	2	24	55	79
Flat River Union,	150 00		23	1	1	1		4	34	81	115
Grassy Creek,	200 00	11 27				12	23	3	86	154	240
Henderson,	1000 00	194 57	21	32		13	2	3			136
Hester's,		15 00	19	5		15	4	2	81	121	202
Island Creek,			8	5		3	4	2	84	111	195
Mary's Chapel,			1	1			1		13	34	47
Mill Creek,	200 00	5 00	9	4	1	11	1		62	100	162
Mountain Creek,	200 00	241 46	17	3	2	6	4	3	83	145	228
Mt. Zion,			16	6	2	1	1	1	105	131	236
Mt. Harmony,			16	3		4					59
New Light,			17	2	3	2	7	2	56	114	170
Oxford,	900 00	165 28	7	16		5	1	3	64	102	166
Olive Branch,			16	9	2	7	5	2	63	132	195
Olive Grove,	50 00	2 07	4			3	1	1	11	18	29
Poplar Creek,	200 00		2	4		5	5	4	43	76	119
Providence,		125 00	33		4	4	4	1	35	65	100
Pleasant Grove,			4	2		1	1		32	42	74
Roxboro,	150 00	25 00	5	2		4			22	25	47
Rock Spring,						1			10	11	21
Sassafras Fork,	150 00	*108 50	3	9		1			27	32	59
State Line,	150 00	17 50	6	4		1			30	31	61
Tally Ho,			16	3	1	2	3	7	57	88	145
			327	161	17	159	80	46	1338	2197	3730

* Includes $100 paid on church debt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Schools	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	Contributions
Amis' Chapel	W. T. Chandler,	Buchanan,	1	7	63	$ 15 00
Antioch,	J. L. Wilkerson,	Ai,	1	8	48	
Bethel,	T. D. Woody,	Bethel Hill	3	4	*40	
Concord,	T. J. Smith, A. M. Veasey,	Dutchville Knap of Reeds,	2	13	110	23 20
Corinth,	E. C. Montague,	Oxford	1	5		
Enon,	Thos. R. Averett,	Oxford	1	5		
Flat River Union,	C. A. Peed,	Knap of Reeds,	1	6	46	
Grassy Creek,	J R. Ragsdale, J. R. Calaham,	Youngs X Roads, Noblins,	2	10	133	
Henderson,	T. M. Pittman,	Henderson	1	25	163	215 00
Hester's,			1	7	37	33 31
Island Creek,	J. G. Morgan, R. L. Dunn,	Winsboro, Winsboro,	2	14	150	12 35
Mary's Chapel,	J. A. Wheelous,	Gressom,	1	5	45	2 56
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street,	Mill Creek,	1	8	49	8 50
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins,	Youngs X Roads,	1			
Mt. Zion,	J. R. Day,	Berea,	1	7	49	20 57
Mt. Harmony,			1	5	46	
Oxford,	F. P. Hobgood, F. M. Meadows,	Oxford, Oxford	1	12	150	69 95
Olive Branch,	W. T. Wilborn,	Collier,	1	5	45	
Poplar Creek,	A. C. Parham,	Oxford	1			36 00
Providence,	Jas. H. Pentecost,	Roxboro	1	6	77	5 20
Roxboro,	C. T. Willson,	Roxboro,	1	8	23	12 00
Sassafras Fork,			1	6	60	20 97
State Line,	J. G. Pittard,	Pittard,	1		70	
Tally Ho,	W. D. Thomasson,	Tally Ho	1	5	30	

* Two branch schools not included.

ANNUAL REPORT.

By the Treasurer of Flat River Association 1888.

August 14 h, 16. Received during Association,	
Cash for Minutes,	$ 51 44
" " Ministerial Education,	70 40
" " Foreign Missions,	153 31
" " State Missions,	121 59
" " Home Missions,	56 21
" " Baptist Orphanage,	41 93
" " Flat River Building at Orphanage,	103 17
" " State Line Church,	5 00
	$603 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Cash paid Clerk,	$ 15 00
" " " " for Minutes,	36 44
" " " F. H. Briggs, Treas, B. S. C. for Ministerial Education,	70 40
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" " " J. W. Lassiter, balance due,	87 61
" " " Thos. Wilson, Clerk State Line Church,	5 00
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A. C. PARHAM, Treas.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SASSAFRAS FORK CHURCH.

Amis' Chapel	$ 3 00	Mt. Harmony, Del.	$ 1 00
Antioch,	3 00	Mary's Chapel, Del.	2 00
Bethel,	3 00	New Light, Del.	1 50
Bethany,	1 50	Oxford,	10 00
Corinth,	1 00	Olive Branch,	2 50
Enon,	3 00	Olive Grove,	1 00
Fellowship,	1 50	Providence,	1 15
Flat River Union,	3 00	Roxboro, Del.	3 00
Grassy Creek,	3 00	State Line,	2 00
Henderson,	6 00	Tally Ho, Del.	2 00
Hester's,	5 00	Dr. C. T. Bailey,	1 00
Island Creek,	5 00	" R. H. Marsh,	1 00
Mill Creek,	3 00	Hat collection,	7 97
Mt. Zion, Del.	5 00		
Total,			$ 82 12

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ENON CHURCH, Granville County, N. C.,
August 13th, 1889

Pursuant to adjournment, the Flat River Baptist Association met with Enon Church, Granville County, N. C., at 11 o'clock, A. M., August 13th, 1889. Rev. J. H. Lamberth, who was to preach the introductory sermon, requested the Rev. J. A. Speight to fill the pulpit for him, which request was complied with.

AFTER INTERMISSION.

In the absence of both the former Moderator and Clerk, the Treasurer, A. C. Parham, called the Association to order and read a Chapter from God's Holy Word. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. Van Deventer. Brother T. H. Street was requested to act as Clerk *pro-tem.* and Brothers T. M. Pittman and B. S. Royster as reading clerks.

The following Churches responded to the roll call, their letters were read and delegates enrolled.

Amis' Chappel—D. C. Frazier, R. W. Downey, A. H. Garner.
Antioch—J. L. Wilkerson, Harrison Ashley, A. T. Denny.
Bethel—J. C. Rogers, R. Woody, T. B. Hill.
Bethany—J. A. Copley, A. R. Cash, A. B. Tilley.
Concord—T. B. Lyon, W. L. Coley, J. L. Lyon.
Corinth—S. W. Knott, E. T. Pittard, J. B. Elliott.
Enon—W. H. Smith, J. M. Phipps, R. T. Critcher.
Fellowship—J. E. Beck, D. F. Lawrence, Henry O'Brient.
Flat River Union—R. Peed, D. W. Wheeler, J. L. Peed.
Grassy Creek—L. A. Royster, Jno. L. Pittard, W. T. Yancey.
Henderson—W. T. Stainback, T. J. Mitchell, T. M. Pittman.
Hester's—S. R. Puckett, R. D. Brooks, J. H. Morris.
Island Creek—R. L. Dunn, P. B. Sneed, B. T Hicks.
Mill Creek—T. H. Street, W. T. Whitt, J. T. Dickerson.
Mountain Creek—J. A. Watkins, J. R. Hart, W. S. Eakes.
Mt. Zion—E. H. Jones, Spencer O'Brient, S. L. Howard.
Mt. Harmony—T. R. Jones, S. H. Clement, D. E. Peed.
Mary's Chapel—J. Y. Allen, J. W. Wheeloms.
Oxford—T. D. Crawford, J. R. Wilder, B. S. Royster.
Olive Branch—J. P. Stovall, Gabriel Jones, H. T. Drumwright.
Olive Grove—E. M. Perry, E. W. Thomas, Vinyard Wheeler.
Pleasant Grove—J. E. Jones, J. L. Smith, E. R. Jeffreys.
Providence—J. L. Reagan, J. M. Long, Parker Perkins.
Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, C. T. Ball, E. T. Parham.
Roxboro—F. L. Woody, W. T. Pass, A. R. Foushee.
Rock Spring—J. T. Harris, J. J. Watkins, W. T. Watkins.
State Line—W. S. Gordon, T. A. Royster, J. Y. Averett.
Sassafras Fork—Amos Dean, N. A. Norwood, J. W. Wilson.

The Moderator pro tem. announced that the election of officers was next in order, and the following were chosen: Moderator, T. H. Street; Clerk, B. S. Royster; Treasurer, A. C. Parham.

Rev. C. A. Jenkens offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That a Presbytery, consisting of the Ministers of this Association, who are present, be appointed to consider the propriety of setting apart to the Gospel Ministry, Bro. Geo. T. Watkins, and if he be approved, that he be ordained at 3 o'clock, P. M. to-morrow. Rev. R. H. Marsh, D. D., to act as Chairman of the Presbytery.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Periodicals—J. A. Stradley, R. Peed, Jno. Phipps.

State Missions—J. A. Beam, B. F. Gentry, J. H. Bowlin.

Foreign Missions—R. Van Deventer, W. H. Smith, W. H. Meadows.

Home Missions—R. Van Deventer. A. R. Foushee, E. J. Montague.

Education—T. D. Crawford, G. W. Wright, S. Eakes.

Church Letters—J. S. Hardaway, E. H. Jones, J. R. Wilder.

Baptist Orphanage—B. S. Royster, Jno. E. Callis, A. R. Foushee.

Place and Preaching next Session—J. H. Morris, E. W. Thomas, L. Royster.

Sunday Schools—E J. Montague, S. L. Howard, J. W. Wheeler.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Enon Church.

Temperance—C. F. Humphries, R. D. Brooks, S. H. Clement.

Colportage—J. H. Lamberth, Sam'l Gordon, Amos Dean.

The visiting brethren were invited to take seats in the Association, to which invitation the following responded: Rev. A. G. McManaway, Vice-President Home Mission Board of the State; Rev. J. N. Stallings, of High Point; Dr. J. W. Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Education, from Central Association; Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board; Rev. J. A. Speight, Associate Editor *Biblical Recorder*.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, State Missions was made the special order for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

There was a motion to make Education the special order immediately after State Missions and Home Missions, after Education, which was adopted.

Dr. Marsh, of Committee on Flat River Orphanage Building, offered the following report:

REPORT ON FLAT RIVER ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Association "to ascertain how much the Association has contributed for building a house at the Baptist Orphanage," begs to report:

That much time and patience have been given to the work, and that it is confidentially believed that the amount, $1250.00, asked of the Association

and pledged by it for a building at the Orphanage, has been contributed expressly for that object, from August, 1885, to August 1887. This amount was forwarded at sundry times, under the Resolutions of the Association, without being specially designated "for the Flat River Building." This oversight in sending the money did the donors injustice in its use for current expenses. In behalf of the donors and the Association, the authorities at the Orphanage were requested to rectify the mistake, made by us, not them, and to give the Association credit for redeeming its pledge and for paying for a Building. The question of the legal authority in allowing the claim was then raised and the whole matter was referred to the visiting Committee of the Orphanage for adjustment. The finding of said Committee was published in *Charity and Children*, Aug. 2, 1889, as follows, viz:

"FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE FLAT RIVER BRETHREN."

"The Visiting Committee passed the following resolution which we humbly trust will give satisfaction to all the brethren in this zealous body of christian workers:

"On motion, the Committee hereby acknowledges the receipt of the moneys pledged by the Flat River Association for the erection of a house known as Flat River Building, and expresses its regrets that the necessities of the Orphanage work and the fact that much of the fund was not designated to our Treasurer as a building fund by the contributors, caused the moneys to be used in paying for land and in meeting current expenses. Whenever another building may be needed, and there may be sufficient moneys available from the general fund, the Committee will cheerfully appropriate such moneys to erect a Flat River Building."

By this resolution the amount and the legality of the claim are determined, and we will get the Building when it is needed "and there may be sufficient moneys available from the general fund."

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. MARSH, Committee.

After being discussed by Brothers B. D. Howard, T. D. Crawford, T. M. Pittman, A. C. Parham, J. J. Meadows, Revs. J. H. Lamberth, C. Durham and J. S. Hardaway, the report was adopted.

Brother T. M. Pittman, of Committee to prepare and distribute a Blank form of Church Letters, submitted the following report:

That they have prepared and distributed such Blank Letters at an expense of $1.58.

Respectfully,
T. M. PITTMAN.

The Committee on Periodicals presented, through their Chairman, Rev. J. A. Stradley, the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee would with pleasure report that the *Biblical Reeorder*, the organ of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina, never was in a more hopeful condition than it is at this time. Sound in its doctrine, diversified in matter, hopeful in spirit and progressive in attitude, it appeals to the Churches for support as it never did before. The *Foreign Misston Journal*, the *Home Field*, and *Charity and Children* are worthy of patronage.

J. A. STRADLEY,
R. PEED,
JNO. PHIPPS,
Committee.

Letter from Snow Hill Church, Person county, petitioning for admission into our Association, was referred to Revs. J. A. Stradley, J. A. Beam and Brother T. M. Pittman.

Rev. J. A. Speight, in a brief and interesting manner, presented the claims of the *Biblical Recorder*.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14, 1889.

In the absence of the Clerk elect Brother J. P. Cannady was requested to act *pro-tem*. Brother Richard Peed led in devotional exercises.

Church Letter from New Light was read and Brother Dudley Peed enrolled as a delegate.

The Committee on State Missions offered the following report:

Eighty four Missionaries are now employed by the State Mission Board. These brethren are proclaiming the precious Truth in the dark and destitute portions of our State.

Fourteen Colporters are scattering religious literature and placing Bibles in homes where both Bible and Minister have hitherto been strangers. A grand and glorious work is being done. New Churches are being organized, Sunday schools established, and hundreds of souls, as we trust, have been and are being saved by the work of these consecrated and self-denying Missionaries and Colporters. Nearly all of our Missionaries have families to support and this support must come from the State Board; then the Board must be supported by the Associations, and the Associations by the Churches and the Churches by each member. Thus you see that the greatest and the least have a part in this grand work. Then why make the mistake that all people are so highly favored as we, who have Churches and Sunday Schools almost at our door, or at least in reach of us.

Thousands of our fellow beings are not thus blest and are still ignorant of their greatest need—the Gospel. Let our motto ever be "Carolina for Jesus," and let every tongue sing it, every heart pray for it, and every hand work for it, and soon from North Carolina a mighty song will rise and swell until it breaks upon the shores of other nations—The World for Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAM,
B. F. GENTRY,
J. H. BOWLIN,
} Committee.

The report was ably discussed by Revs. C. Durham, J. A. Beam, and Brother B. D. Howard, and adopted.

A cash collection for State Missions was taken which amounted to $18.70

The Committee on Education, through its Chairman, Brother T. D. Crawford, read the following report, which was discussed by Dr. J. W. Mitchell, Revs. J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Beam, J. N. Stallings, C. A. Jenkens, and adopted:

The people of our Association are beginning to realize the importance of Education and there is progress along the lines in this direction, though there is still room for improvement. Wake Forest College has given to our denomination, throughout the State, men of broad and cultured views, which make them equal, in point of intelligence and general usefulness, to any people in our country. Our Board of Education is doing more each year toward educating young men for the Ministry. Wake Forest, together with the Seminary, are giving us an educated Ministry, which is an ornament and

honor to our Church and a blessing to the people of North Carolina. Female education is attracting greater attention than ever before. Our Schools in the State are well patronized and are doing a most satisfactory work. Within our borders we have the Oxford Female Seminary. This is an excellent School of high grade, under the control of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, assisted by Rev. C. A. Jenkens, and richly deserves the liberal patronage it is receiving. Last session the number of pupils was very much larger than any previous term, thus showing that its usefulness is being appreciated by our people.

T. D. CRAWFORD,
G. W. WRIGHT,
W. S. EAKES,
} Committee.

The Presbytery, to consider the propriety of setting apart to the Ministry Brother G. T. Watkins, report that they find the candidate worthy, and well qualified for the work, and that he will be ordained this evening at 3 o'clock.

Adjourned 'till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song, then prayer by Rev. E. J. Montague. The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions offered the following report:

We are glad to be able to report an increase in the contribution over the last year. Thirteen of the Churches of the Association have increased their gifts; eight Churches have given less than last year. The Home Board is doing work in seventeen States in this Southland, among our own people. The Board calls upon us to help do this needed work. The Home Board desires to give the Gospel to the foreign population, that is flooding our land. The great need among them is the Gospel; this can be done only as the Churches will help. The money spent in this work in the past has been wisely invested. More than 10,000 have been added to the Church in the past year; 328 Churches organized and 58 Churches built. The work in Cuba continuos to grow in interest and power. We commend, as a means of aid to the Board, the circulation of the *Home Field*.

R. VAN DEVENTER,
E. J. MONTAGUE,
A. R. FOUSHEE,
Committee.

Rev. A. G. McManaway, who gives much of his time to this work, favored the Association with an interesting discussion of this subject. Brother T. D. Crawford told of the work of Dr. Diaz, in Cuba, which was very encouraging and satisfactory. The report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter from Snow Hill Church, asking for admission into our Association, made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee report that we have examined into the manner of the Church's organization and the articles of her faith and find that they are in keeping with the Baptist faith and practice. We therefore recommend that this Church be recognized as a member of this Association

J. A. STRADLEY,
T. M. PITTMAN,
J. A. BEAM,
Committee.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the pastor, Rev. E. Montague, and to delegates W. T. Murray and D. A. Pittard.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, Foreign Missions was made a special order for 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Dr. Marsh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, we, as an Association are nearing the close of our first century and that through all this time we have been making important history, and whereas, it is desirable that the personal history of the good men and women in our Church who have gone before us, and the facts in the work and struggles of the Church be collected and printed in some suitable form.

Therefore, be it resolved:—That Rev. R. I. Devin be requested and urged to undertake this important work, and that he be requested to report the progress made to each annual meeting of this body.

Resolved further, That the brethren of the Association be requested to co-operate with Brother Devin in collecting the necessary material for said history.

The hour for the ordination of Brother G. T. Watkins having arrived, the Association adjourned to the arbor, where the services were conducted by Dr. R. H. Marsh in his usual graceful and impressive manner. Rev. R. I. Devin, led in prayer; Rev. A. G. McManaway delivered the charge to Brother Watkins, which was full of valuable and useful information and advice. Rev. C. A. Jenkens, in very appropriate terms, presented to him a Bible.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 1889.

Rev. J. S. Hardaway read the 84th Psalm and offered prayer.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Stradley, the regular order of business was deferred for half an hour. He then introduced Rev. N. S. Cobb from Judson College, who gave an interesting account of this institution, which is under the patronage of the Western North Carolina Convention. Dr. R. H. Lewis is its present President.

The Moderator requested the roll of Churches called and the following failed to answer: Amis' Chapel, Antioch, Bethel, Corinth, Concord, Fellowship, Grassy Creek, Mt. Harmony, New Light, Olive Grove, Providence, Pleasant Grove, Roxboro, Rock Spring, Sassafras Fork, Tally Ho.

Minutes of Wednesday's proceedings were read and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, Brother T. D. Crawford was requested to furnish the *Biblical Recorder* with a copy of his address on the Mission work in Cuba.

Brother W. T. Stainback, of Henderson Church, was enrolled as a delegate.

The Committee on Place and Preaching next Session offered the following report which was adopted :

The next meeting of the Flat River Association will be held with Pleasant Grove Church, Granville County, North Carolina, on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in August, 1890. The introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. J. A. Beam.

J. H. MORRIS,
E. W. THOMAS,
L. H. ROYSTER,
Committee.

The hour set apart for Foreign Missions having arrived, the following report was read and adopted :

This is the greatest period of Missionary activity since the first century. The Gospel is still in demand and the providence of God bids us go forward. No State in the South has been more highly honored in this work than North Carolina. Thirty Missionaries from this State are at work in the foreign fields, nineteen of them under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention, but if we are to meet the demands of the day there must be a large increase in our liberality. The Gospel is spreading in heathen lands. While other religions increase no faster than the increase in the population, the Gospel is increasing at the ratio of sixty four per cent. We cannot survey the field without seeing signs of encouragement. In view of these facts :

Resolved, That we, as an Association, work more earnestly for the spread of the Gospel ; that we pray more for the success of the Missionaries and native workers ; that we give more of our means ; that we try to raise $800. this Association year for Foreign Missions.

R. VAN DEVENTER.
W. H. SMITH,
W. A. MOLONE,
Committee.

Revs. R. Van Deventer, G. T. Watkins, J. S. Hardaway and Dr. R. H. Marsh made interesting, able and instructive speeches upon this subject.

A cash collection was taken and the Churches called upon to signify how much they were willing to pledge to make up the deficit of last years contribution to this work. The amount secured was $147.49.

The Treasurer presensed his report, which was adopted with the thanks of the Association to him for his valuable services.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing, then prayer by Brother T. M. Pittman.

The Committee on Church Letters offered a report, which, after being discussed by Brother T. M. Pittman, Revs. J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Beam and R. H. Marsh, D. D., was referred to the clerk for revision.

The Commistee on Orphanage, through its Chairman, read the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There is no need for this Committee to urge the importance of supporting the Orphanage. The increased contributions this year, the payment of our subscriptions to the Flat River Building, the great enthusiasm which its needs always enlist, whenever and wherever they are urged, all speak in more emphatic terms than anything your Committee could possibly say; at the same time we would urge you not to forget that the Bible tells us that a large part of "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is to visit the fatherless in their affliction." We should visit them with our prayers and our means; we owe it to our living poor, we owe it to our sainted brethren, dead and gone, we owe it to our God, whom we profess to serve, not to allow Orphan children of Baptists to be cared for by other denominations or to be brought up in ignorance of our doctrine. We should care for them ourselves and rear them in our faith. Your Committee recommends, that the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage be requested and urged to set aside, at the very earliest opportunity, from the funds of the Orphanage, the amount of money which we have already paid for our Flat River Building, and appropriate the same for the construction of said building. Unless this is done very soon, we fear the zeal of many of our brethren will be greatly diminished, and the Orphanage suffer in consequence. Above all, let the Churches in our Association increase their prayers and contributions for the support of this noble object of charity.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. ROYSTER,
A. R. FOUSHEE,
J. E. CALLIS,
Committee.

The Committee on Colportage handed in the following report, which was read by the Clerk:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee is of the opinion that a great self-sustaining work can be done in our bounds by a wise and judicious system of Colportage. We greatly need more Baptist literature to be circulated among the Churches, and therefore recommend the appointment of a Committee to take this matter in hand, confer with the State Board and prosecute the work on a self-sustaining basis. We would name as a suitable committee, Brethren J. A. Stradley, T. D. Crawford, B. D. Howard, Geo. W. Wright and Geo. W. Watkins.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LAMBERTH,
AMOS DEAN,
SAM'L HOWARD,
Committee.

The report after being discussed by Dr. Marsh and Rev. J. A. Stradley, who offered many valuable suggestions relative to the work of Colportage in our Association, was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the Committee recommended in the report on Colportage and requested them to act at once in this important work.

The following report was read by the Chairman of the Committee on Temperance:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, the drinking of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is causing so much trouble in our Churches and bringing such a disgrace upon the cause of Christ: Therefore, we sincerely recommend, and would urge the Churches

to use all the means in their power to check and finally conquer this great and growing evil.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. HUMPHRIES,
Chairman Committee.

Rev. J. A. Stradley, in strong terms, moved the adoption of the report, which motion prevailed.

Letter from Fairport Church, thanking the Association for its aid, through Brother Gordon's work, in raising funds to build a new Church, was read and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, the Moderator appointed Rev. R. Van Deventer as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Revs. J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Beam and Brother B. D. Howard, as delegates to the State Convention.

The Committee on Sunday School Institutes offered a verbal report of the work for the past year and recommended that this feature of Sunday School work be encouraged.

Their report was adopted and the Committee was continued with the request to report at our next meeting.

Dr. Marsh spoke in fitting terms of the hospitality of the Brethren of Enon Church and concluded his remarks by offering the foling resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote :

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the grateful thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to Enon Church for her elegant hospitality to us during our present session.

R. H. MARSH.

The Clerk was allowed a fee of fifteen dollars and directed to use the balance of the minute fund in printing the minutes of this meeting.

There being no other business, the Association, after prayer by Rev. J. A. Stradley, adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Church, Granville County, N. C., on Tuesday. after the second Sunday in August, 1890.

T. H. STREET, Moderator.

B. S. ROYSTER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors Salary.	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Education	Orphanage.	G. T. Watkins.	Membership.	Baptized.	Rec'e. by Lettet.	Dism'd. by Letter.	Died.	Excluded	Per capita including Pastors Salary and Ch. expenses.	Per capita for Benevolence.	Total Contributions Including Pastors Salary.
Amis' Chappel,	200 00	139 91	8 90	9 06	15 00	13 31	10 00	15 19	6 32	181	14	.	20	4	1	2 31	43	419 44
Antioch,	. . .	. . .	6 00	8 75	7 25	12 00	7 00	20 15	6 00	73	3	1	10	2	4	. .	78	*57 15
Bethany,	. . .	. . .	13 52	. .	. . .	3 12	. . .	2 00	. .	59	. .	1	.	3	3	. . .	30	*18 04
Bethel,	200 00	10 00	35 00	10 25	29 00	12 15	53 00	15 18	9 45	166	16	6	1	4	6	2 24	1 04	374 03
Concord,	150 00	. . .	25 00	6 05	13 35	10 00	. . .	.	. . .	103	2	.	.	.	1	1 98	52	204 40
Corinth,	100 00	15 85	26 05	.	11 50	6 65	. .	. .	. .	121	. .	5	6	5	1	1 32	36	160 05
Enon,	250 00	38 36	23 25	18 55	25 90	12 75	19 52	15 87	. . .	107	. .	3	8	.	2	3 77	1 10	404 20
Fellowship,	100 00	2 50	. . .	2 00	2 00	2 00	. .	. .		84	8	.	2	.	.	1 29	10	108 50
Flat River Union,	150 00	2 35	6 65	6 00	5 28	1 15	11 20	8 36	. .	138	. .		1	3	1	1 39	29	190 99
Grassy Creek,	200 00	12 00	12 21	5 20	5 28	7 24	5 52	6 12	14 75	215	. .	2	23	2	7	1 24	26	268 32
Henderson,	1000 00	257 48	748 21	25 04	82 04	93 85	25 00	97 90	. . .	154	18	20	15	3	2	17 55	9 39	2704 27
Hester's,	. . .	27 50	61 48	7 00	7 00	7 00	1 00	3 40		186	2	14	23	2	2	. . .	49	*114 38
Island Creek,	200 00	60 00	27 30	10 00	31 60	25 95	14 41	8 62	6 00	218	32	2	13	3	3	1 80	56	383 88
Mill Creek,	200 00	5 00	. . . .	15 00	15 00	16 27	8 35	21 45	. . .	155	2	6	7	.	2	1 86	54	289 24
Mountain Creek,	200 00	86 00	. . . .	7 84	13 45	13 50	13 31	. . .	. . .	228	23	3	12	5	5	1 46	29	334 10
Mt. Harmony,	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2 00	. . .	1 00	1 00	. .	61	. .	2	2	.	1	. . .	07	* 4 00
Mt. Zion,	. . .	. . .	32 50	18 50	260 00	217 20	33 40	34 05	15 00	225	. .	10	10	1	1	. . .	2 71	*610 65
Mary's Chappel,	50 00	. . .	50	. . .	70	75	. . .	10	.	47	4	2	1	1	4	1 10	05	*52 05
New Light,	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .		160	6	1	1	2	8	. .	. .	. . . .
Pleasant Grove,	100 00	6 00	. . . .	2 80	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .		68	9	1	.	.	1	1 60	04	109 40
Oxford,	1000 00	350 00	230 10	39 40	87 57	33 34	21 00	43 63	17 50	215	44	27	9	5	4	8 48	2 20	1824 04
Olive Branch,	125 00	59 75	. . .	3 10	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	197	17	11	5	3	3	96	03	190 85
Olive Grove,	50 00	300 00	1 25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	30	. .	7	4	.	2	11 70	04	351 25
Poplar Creek,	200 00	12 00	40 49	14 85	41 56	30 92	7 25	29 30	4 05	120	. .	2	1	.	2	3 17	1 40	380 42
Providence,	135 00	. . .	3 23	. . .	1 71	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	127	8	1	3	2	6	1 10	03	139 94

Roxboro, ...	150	00	35	00	105	05	10	00	24	50	16	30	13	10	86	25	11	00	59	7	12	5	.	2	7	64	4	51	431	20
Rock Spring, ...	50	00	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	6	86	4	22	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	21	. .	.	.	.	.	2	90		52	61	08
State Line, ...	150	00	.	. .	62	21	4	32	3	81	6	92	3	40	2	35	5	25	78	19	.	.	.	1	2	92	1	00	228	46
Sassafras Fork, . . .	150	00	95	00	40	27	7	50	13	50	8	06	7	00	.	. .	.	. .	91	8	28	.	1	.	3	53		83	321	33
Tally Ho, ...	175	00	.	. .	56	00	8	42	5	73	2	25	8	60	4	65	.	. .	144	. .	8	7	3	2	1	81		60	260	65
Total,					1 565	24	239	63	714	79	552	90	263	06	412	57	95	32	3831	264										

* Does not Include Pastors Salary.

* Includes "Slaughter Fund."

TREASURERS REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Contingent Fund.	EDUCATION		F. MISSIONS		STATE MISSIONS		H. MISSIONS.		ORPHANAGE.	
		Cash rec'd.	Cash forw.	Cash rec'd	Cash fowd.	Cash rec'd	Cash forwd.	Cash rec'd.	Cash forwd.	Cash rec'd.	Cash forwd.
Amis' Chapel,	1 50	. .	10 00	. . .	15 00	. . . . .	13 31	. .	9 06	. .	15 19
Antioch,	1 85	7 00	. . .	1 25	6 00	12 00	. . .	2 75	6 00	. .	 8
Bethel,	2 00	. . . . .	53 00	4 00	29 00	12 15	. . . . .	. . . .	10 25	1 25	15 18
Bethany,	60	. . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3 12	. . . .	. . . .	. .	2 00	. . . .
Concord,	2 00	. . . . .	. . .	. . .	13 35	. . . .	10 00	. . . .	6 25	. . . .	. . . .
Corinth,	50	. . . .	. .	5 50	6 00	. . . . .	6 65	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Enon,	1 50	. . . . .	19 52	47 65	. . . . .	12 75	. . .	18 55	. . . .	2 10	13 77
Fellowship	1 50	. . . . .	. . .	2 00	. . .	2 00	. . . .	2 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Flat River Union,	1 00	. . .	11 20	. . .	5 28	. . . .	. . . . .	. . .	6 00	. . . .	8 36
Grassy Creek,	1 15	. . .	5 52	5 28	. . . .	. . . . .	7 24	3 20	2 00	. . . .	6 12
Henderson	2 50	. . . .	25 00	. . .	82 04	. . . .	93 08	. .	25 04	. . . .	97 00
Hester's	1 55	. . . . .	9 25	11 00	. . . . .	6 05	. . . . .	6 00	. .	2 85	. . . .
Island Creek,	2 00	. . . .	14 41	. . . .	31 60	. . . .	25 95	. .	10 00	. .	8 62
Mill Creek,	2 00	. . . .	8 35	. . . .	15 00	. . . . .	16 27	. . . .	15 00	21 45	. . . .
Mountain Creek,	1 50	. . . . .	13 31	. . .	13 45	. . .	13 50	. . . .	7 34	. . . .	. . . .
Mount Zion,	1 80	33 40	. . .	260 00	. . . .	217 21	. . . . .	. . . .	14 75	10 00	34 05
Mount Harmony,	1 00	1 00	. . .	2 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	1 00	. .
Mary's Chappel,	50	. . .	. . .	70	. . . .	75	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	10	. . . .
New Light,	1 00	. . .	. . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Oxford,	2 00	. . .	21 00	. . .	87 57	. . .	33 34	. . . .	39 40	. .	43 63
Olive Branch,	1 70	. .	. . .	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	3 10	. .	. . . .	. . . .
Olive Grove,	1 25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. .	. . . .	. . . .

Pleasant Grove,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 80	.....	.....	.....
Providence,	.....	.....	.....	1 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Creek,	1 50	7 25	.....	33 22	8 54	30 92	.....	14 85	.....	31 30	.....
Roxboro,	2 00	.....	13 10	4 00	20 50	.....	16 30	.....	10 00	36 25	30 00
Rock Spring,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 86	.....	4 22	.....	.....	.....	.....
State Line,	1 50	.....	3 40	.....	3 81	.....	6 92	.....	4 32	.....	.....
Sassafras Fork,	1 50	.....	7 00	.....	13 50	.....	8 06	.....	7 50	.....	.....
Tally Ho,	1 00	1 10	7 50	7 44	.....	2 25	.....	3 42	.....	4 65	.....
Snow Hill,	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	43 90	49 75	216 56	395 80	363 30	299 19	254 80	56 67	172 52	105 42	271 92
Cash Collected at Association,					5 05	18 70					
					368 35	317 89					

Forwarded from Flat River Union Sunday School, ... $4 50

Total Amount Forwarded and Cash on hand, ... $2 202 85

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST-OFFICES, AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. W. Chandler	Buchanan	First Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	J. A Beam	Bethel Hill	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah	Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethany	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	R. C. Jones	Moriah	" " " "
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries.	Bethel Hill	Third " " "
Concord	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	T. J. Smith	Dutchville	Second " " "
Corinth	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	L. Hobgood	Reamston	" " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	F. Y. Currin.	Oxford	Fourth " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Sto	T. H. Perry	Beck	" " " "
Flat River Union.	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds.	Sec. Sunday evening and even. before
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh.	Oxford	J. R. Ragsdale.	Adoniram	Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Henderson	R. Van Deventer.	Henderson	T. J. Mitchell	Henderson	Every Sunday.
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	N. J. Puckett	Satterwhite	Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	Third " " " "
Mill Creek	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek.	Second " " " "
Mountain Creek.	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	J. S. Eakes	Oxford	Third " " " "
Mt Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	S. Bumpass	Mt. Tirzah	Fourth " " " "
Mt. Zion	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	E. A. Howard	Berea	First " " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Sto	W. A. Hester	Mt. Energy	" " " " "
Mary's Chapel	W. A. Barrott	Franklinton	J. Z Allen.	Grissom	" " " " "
New Light.	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Sto	J. A. J. Penny	Hutchinson's St	Second " " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	E. G. Currin.	Oxford	Every Sunday, morning and night.
Olive Branch	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	W. T. Humphries	Collier	Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Olive Grove	J. H. Hutchinson	Hutchinson's Sto	E. W. Thomas.	Roger's Store	Third Sunday.
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Henderson	First Sunday and Saturday before.
Providence	C. F. Humphries.	Oxford	T. Jackson	Mill Creek	" " " " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	A. R. Fourshee.	Roxboro	Third Sunday, morning and night.
Rock Spring.	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	C. Gordan	Woodworth	Third Sunday evening, and 5th Sunday
State Line.	T. W. Greer.	Clarksville, Va	C. S. Gordan	Soudan, Va	First Sunday and Saturday before.
Sassafras Fork	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. T. C. Norwood	Stovall	Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Snow Hill	F. I. Montague				
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh.	Oxford	C. H. Washington	Stem	Third Sunday and Saturday before.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Superintendents.	Post Office.	Schools.	No. Teachers	No. Pupils.	Constitutions.
Amis' Chapel,	M. D. Harris,	Buchanan,	1	4	60	1 75
Antioch,	J. L. Wilkerson,	Roxboro,				6 00
Bethany,	R. C. Jones,	Moriah,	1	3	30	
Bethel,	T. D. Woody,	Bethel Hill,	1	3	83	6 00
Concord,	T. J. Smith, A. M. Veazey,	Lyonsville, Knap of Reeds,	2	13	110	
Corinth,	J. B. Elliott,	Reamston,	1	4	35	
Enon,	J. F. Currin,	Oxford,	1	4	60	21 75
Grassy Creek,	L. A. Royster	Adoniram,	1	4	69	5 20
Henderson,	T. M. Pittman	Henderson,	1	17	176	372 25
Hester's,	J. H. Morris	Oxford,	1	6	67	50 24
Island Creek,	R. L. Dunn, J. G. Morgan,	Williamsboro,	2	12	150	12 00
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street,	Mill Creek,	1	5	55	
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins,	Youngs X Roads,	1	6	61	
Mt. Harmony,	D. E. Peed,	Mt. Tirzah,				5 00
Mt. Zion,	J. J. Meadows,	Berea,	1	5	61	29 79
Mary's Chapel,	J. W. Wheeloms,	Grissom,	1	4	81	10 00
New Light,	L. A. Wilson,	New Light,	1	5	55	
Oxford,	F. P. Hobgood,	Oxford,	1	11	192	80 00
Olive Branch,	W. G. Welburn,	Mill Creek,	1	4	40	4 00
Poplar Creek,	A. C. Parham,	Oxford,	1	7	45	24 98
Providence,	J. H. Pentecost,	Roxboro,	1	6	50	3 23
Roxboro,	W. W. Kitchin,	Roxboro,	1	7	34	20 50
Sassafras Fork,	M. L. Traylor,	Stovall,	1	9	65	12 50
Tally Ho,	W. D. Thomasson,	Stem,	1	4	35	15 75

ANNUAL REPORT

By the Treasurer of Flat River Association.

RECEIPTS.

Cash for Minutes,	$ 43 90
Cash for Ministerial Education,	49 75
Cash for Foreign Mission,	393 80
Cash for State Missions,	317 89
Cash for Home Missions,	56 67
Cash for Baptist Orphanage,	105 42
	$967.43

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid Clerk,	$ 15 00
By cash paid for minutes,	28 90
I. D. Baushall, for Ministerial Education,	49 75
Foreign Missions,	393 80
State Missions,	317 89
Home Missions,	56 67
Baptist Orphanage,	105 42
	$967 43

A. C. PARHAM, Treasurer,

HOME MISSION REPRESENTATIVES.

H. H. Nichols, Mt. Tirzah, N. C.
W. C. Rogers, Oak Hill, N. C.
Ruffin Woody, Bethel Hill, North Carolina.
William Malone, Moriah, North Carolina.
E. C. Coley, Lyonsville, North Carolina.
John B. Elliott, Reamston, North Carolina.
J. F. Currin, Oxford, North Carolina.
B. F. Lawrence, Beck, North Carolina.
E. H. Veazey, Knapp of Reeds, North Carolina
Robert Hester, Youngs X Roads, North Carolina.
J. W. Puritoy, Henderson, North Carolina.
C. E. Allen, Grissom, North Caroiina.
R. W. Hobgood, Oxford, North Carolina.
R. B. Morgan, Williamsboro, North Carolina.
T. H. Street, Mill Creek, North Carolina.
J. W. Peed. Centre Grove, North Carolina.
Jno. A. Watkins, Youngs X Roads, North Carolina.
M. Blalock, Berea, North Carolina.
Dudley Peed, Rogers' Store, North Carolina.
J. P. Stovall, Buchanan, North Carolina.
E. M. Perry, Roger's Store, North Carolina.
Miss Flora Hunt, Oxford, North Carolina.
C. T. Ball, Dabney, North Carolina.
J. L. Smith, Tar River, North Carolina.
Mrs. George Buchanan, Roxboro, North Carolina.
A. R. Foushee, Roxboro, North Carolina.
C. H. Washington, Stem, North Carolina.
J. D. Pittard, Bullock, North Carolina.
N. A. Norwood, Stovall, North Carolina.
Miss Sallie Montague, Allensville, North Carolina.
Chalmers Gordon, Woodsworth, North Carolina.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. J. W. Atkinson, Hutchinson's Store, North Carolina.
" J. A. Beam, Bethel Hill, North Carolina.
" W. A. Barrot, Franklinton, North Carolina.
" T. W. Greer, Clarksville, Virginia.
" J. S. Hardaway, Oxford, North Carolina.
" T. J. Horner, Henderson, North Carolina.
" C. F. Humphreys, Oxford, North Carolina.
" C. A. Jenkens, Oxford, North Carolina.
" N. S. Jones, Raleigh, North Carolina.
" J. H. Lamberth, Roxboro, North Carolina.
" R. H. Marsh, D. D., Oxford, North Carolina.
" E. J. Montague, Dutchville, North Carolina.
" J. A. Stradley, Oxford, North Carolina
" R. Van Deventer, Henderson, North Carolina.
" G. T. Watkins, Youngs X Roads, North Carolina.

LICENTIATES:

REV. J. G. BLALOCK, Berea, N. C.

REV. W E. WARREN, Bethel Hill, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION

—OF THE—

Flat River Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Pleasant Grove Church, Granville Co., N. C.,

Aug. 12th, 13th and 14th, 1890.

T. H. STREET, MODERATOR, - - Mill Creek, N. C.
B. S. ROYSTER, CLERK, - - - - Oxford, N. C.
A. C. PARHAM, TREASURER, - - - Oxford, N. C.

PRESSES OF L. THOMAS,
PRINTER AND STATIONER, OXFORD, N. C.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, Granville Co., N. C., August 12, 1890.

The ninety-seventh session of the Flat River Baptist Association met at Pleasant Grove Church, Granville county, N. C., on Tuesday, August 12th, 1890, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Rev. J. A. Beam preached the introductory sermon, taking as his subject, "The feeding of the multitudes by the disciples," and emphasizing particularly the text, "Give ye them to eat."

AFTER INTERMISSION.

The association was called to order by the moderator, Bro. T. H. Street. Rev. J. H. Lamberth read the 133rd and 134th Psalms and offered prayer. The clerk was requested to call the roll of churches, Revs. N. S. Jones and J. A. Beam acting as reading clerks. The following churches were represented, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS CHAPEL: R. Amis, C. S. Chandler,* M. D. Harris.*
ANTIOCH: A. T. Denny, H. H. Nichols, Charley Ashley.
BETHEL: S. P. Gentry, J. C. Rogers,* S. C. Humphries.
BETHANY: W. A. Malone, B. V. Riggs,* W. E. Bozwell,*
CONCORD: T. B. Lyon, A. M. Veazy, Samuel Clark.
CORINTH: J. F. Usry, J. B. Elliott, E. T. Pittard.
ENON: J. M. Phipps, J. P. Cannady, R. T. Critcher.*
FELLOWSHIP: T. H. Perry, R. O. Weathers, B. F. Lawrence.*
FLAT RIVER UNION: R. Peed, M. W. B. Veazy,* S. W. Waller.
GRASSY CREEK: J. L. Pittard, T. L. Winston, T. J. Pittard.
HENDRSON: Jas. H. Lassiter, T. M. Pittman,* J. R. Thrower.*
HESTER'S: S. R. Puckett, J. B. Pruett,* N. J. Puckett.
ISLAND CREEK: J. G. Morgan, W. H. Green, G. G. Tillotson,
MILL CREEK: W. T. Street, W. O. Parham, J. J. Drumright.
MOUNTAIN CREEK: G. T. Watkins, B. F. Frazier, R. P. Blackwell.*
MT. ZION: J. G. Blalock, B. D. Howard, J. C. Currin.
MT. HARMONY: D. E. Peed,* S. Bumpass,* S. H. Clement.*
MARY'S CHAPEL: J. Z. Allen, W. H. Davis,* C. E. Allen.*
NEW LIGHT: L. B. Mangum, B. M. Medling, W. D. Peed.
OXFORD: F. M. Meadows, J. W. Hunt, L. Thomas.*
OLIVE BRANCH: B. W. Harris, C. P. Sanford,* T. S. Wilkerson*
OLIVE GROVE: E. M. Perry, T. A. Sheron, J. H. Keith.
PLEASANT GROVE: W.J. Rogers, T. M. Thomason, W.K. Adcock.
PROVIDENCE: Taylor Jackson,* S. D. Perkins,* A. B. Harris.*
POPLAR CREEK: G. W. Wright, W. N. Critcher, E. T. Parham.
ROXBORO: W. W. Kitchen,* Jno. T. Walker,* T. W. Pass,*
ROCK SPRINGS: B. F. Knott,* Jno. F. Overby, C. B. Harris.*
STOVALL: J. T. C. Norwood, Jos. S. Royster, Henry Clay.*
SNOW HILL: D. A. Pittard,* J. I. Murray,* P. G. Montague.
TALLY HO: J. P. Bratcher, C. H. Washington, T. H. Stem.*

Names marked thus * were not present during session.

The moderator announced the election of officers as the next order of business. Dr. Marsh moved "that the clerk cast the unanimous vote of the Association for Bro. T. H. Street as moderator for the ensuing session," which motion prevailed and Bro. Street was declared elected. In accepting the office he urged the members of the association to be attentive to all the business, and the churches to bestir themselves in the work in hand and be prepared to report advance steps at our next session.

B. S. Royster and A. C. Parham were unanimously chosen clerk and treasurer respectively.

The moderator announced the following committees:

STATE MISSIONS: Dr. R. H. Marsh, F. M. Meadows, S. R. Puckett.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. J. W. Atkinson, C. E. Brewer, Rufus Amis,

HOME MISSIONS: Rev. J. A. Beam, J. C. Rogers, T. B. Lyon.

PERIODICALS: B. D. Howard, J. M. Phipps, A. M. Veazy.

EDUCATION: C. A. Jenkens, J. H. Hutchinson, J. F. Usry.

THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE: Rev. R. VanDeventer, B. F. Lawrence, J. L. Pittard.

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION: J. G. Blalock, S. W. Waller, G. W. Wright.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Rev. N. S. Jones, J. G. Morgan, S. Bumpass.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. J. A. Stradley, R. Peed, Z. W. Wheelus.

COLPORTAGE: A. T. Denny, T. S. Wilkerson, T. Jackson.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES: Pastor and Deacons of Pleasant Grove Church.

CHURCH LETTERS: Rev. J. H. Lamberth, Rev. G. T. Watkins, W. N. Critcher.

Letter from Peace Chapel asking to be admitted to this Association was read, also a letter of dismission from Central Association. Motion to accept the application and church letter was adopted. After reading the church letter, Bros. H. F. Jeffress, N. B. Dickerson and H. Harris were enrolled as delegates. Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the Association, and the following responded to the invitation and were recognized by the Moderator: Dr. C. E. Taylor, President Wake Forest College; Prof. C. E. Brewer, of Central Association; Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Pilot Mountain Association; Rev. J. A. Speight, Associate Editor Biblical Recorder; Rev. J. B. Richardson, of Liberty Association; Dr. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board; and Bro. J. R. Hunter, of Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. S. F. Conrad spoke in the interest of a Church which is being built at Walnut Cove, and asked that the members of Flat River Association contribute something toward this object. Dr.

Durham and Rev. J. A. Speight testified relative to the grand work being done by him in erecting church buildings and spreading the Gospel. On motion of Dr. Marsh, Rev. J. B. Richardson was allowed ten minutes to present the claims of a church at Ore Hill in Chatham county. Rev. R. VanDeventer moved the appointment of a committee of three on "Order of Business." The motion was adopted and the Moderator named Revs. R. VanDeventer, J. S. Hardaway and Bro. R. Amis as the committee. Dr. Marsh and Bro. A. C. Parham offered the following resolution which was adopted:

That a committee be appointed to report the propriety of reviving our fifth Sunday meetings.

The committee consisted of Dr. Marsh, Rev. N. S. Jones and Bro. A. C. Parham. The committee on "Order of Business" recommended the following which was adopted:

PERIODICALS: 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.
STATE MISSIONS: 10 o'clock A. M. August 13th, 1890.
EDUCATION: 11 o'clock A. M. August 13th, 1890.
ORPHANAGE: 12 o'clock M. August 13th, 1890.

The Chairman of the committee on Periodicals read the following report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee recommend the "Biblical Recorder" as the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It is a paper that should have a place in the home of every Baptist in this Association and the State. We recommend "Charity and Children," and urge those of our brethren, who do not take it, to subscribe at once, thereby aiding the little Orphans at Thomasville. We recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal" to the members of the Association, and urge its patronage.

B. D. HOWARD,
A. M. VEAZY, } Committee.
J. M. PHIPPS,

This report after being discussed by Rev. J. A. Speight, Rev. R. VanDeventer, Bro. B. D. Howard and others was adopted. The committee on Religious Exercises offered a report which was adopted. After benediction by Rev. J. S. Hardaway the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, August 13th, 1890,

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock, by Moderator Street. Singing "Nearer my God to Thee," and devotional exercises conducted by Dr. C. E. Taylor, who read third chapter of Colossians and offered prayer. Before the hour for special order arrived the Moderator instructed the Clerk to read the Constitution and Laws of the Association. Calling of roll and reading proceedings of Tuesday's session were omitted on account of the absence of the Clerk elect. The hour for special order having arrived the following report on State Missions was read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Christ's Churches are missionary bodies. They are organized with the authority and design of "Going into all the world and preaching the Gospel to every creature." "State Missions" is the united effort of the Churches to give the Gospel to the destitute of our State. By "destitute" we mean all the persons and places that are without a knowledge of the Truth, as it is held and taught by the Baptists in their Bible-faith and practice. "State Missions" with us means "North Carolina for Christ, one Lord, one faith and one baptism for North Carolina."

In this department of Church work God has signally blessed the Baptists of the State. "Boasting is excluded, but gratitude is in order;" so we say that our numbers and efficiency have been increased five fold during the past twenty-five years. To-day the Baptists outnumber the combined membership of all the other denominations of the State. The North Carolina Baptist Almanac, in its approximate statistics, gives 521,611 as the sum total of all the members in every denomination in North Carolina. In the Missionary Baptist Churches the number claimed is 287,011, 26,206 more than all the other denominations, of every name and faith put together. But our forces and influence are unequally distributed. Besides numerous villages and towns along the lines of the new railroads, there are twenty-five counties of the State wholly or partially destitute of Baptist preaching. This is the field to be occupied, and the work consists in establishing Missions, and in strengthening feeble churches. During the past Conventional year operations were conducted on the financial basis of $12,614.87; but at Henderson the Convention said "We ought to trust the Lord to guide, and the churches to come to our aid and undertake greater things than ever before," and recommended that our work this year should be arranged on the enlarged basis of $15,000. In the beginning of the year financial depression was felt and feared, but our leaders in the work are boldly trusting the Lord and the Churches to do a grand work in State Missions. Already an advance on last year's work, up to August, has been made by $1,558 76 in the way of collections. Our Association agreed to undertake to raise $800 this year. We have paid during the associational year $725.55, an increase of $39.50 over last year. During the present year 93 missionaries have been employed, many for their whole time and some for a part only. Among the number is Rev. J. A. Stradley, one fourth of whose time is given to Rock Spring, at a salary of $60.00. In a word we report our State Mission work well managed, growing and more and more hopeful and encouraging year by year. "'The field is the world'—'Beginning at Jerusalem'."

R. H. MARSH,
F. M. MEADOWS,
S. R. PUCKETT,
} Committee.

Dr. R. H. Marsh, Dr. C. Durham, Rev. J. S. Hardaway, Rev. W. E. Warren, Rev. J. A. Stradley, and Bros. John Rogers and A. C. Parham, all made talks on State Mission and the report was adopted.

It being now the hour appointed for Education to be considered, the committee read their report which was adopted.

REPORT OF EDUCATION.

We rejoice in the increased interest of our people in the matter of Education. There is perhaps no Southern State in which better educational facilities are found than in North Carolina. Our own Wake Forest College is, in all likelihood, the leading Baptist College south of Masons & Dixon's line. It enrolled last session 206 students, of whom quite a number were young ministers, 29 of them receiving aid from the Board. Thirty-five brethren have been received by the Board for the coming year. We heartily urge upon the Churches the importance and necessity of contributing largely and regularly to the aid of our young preachers, as they struggle to prepare themselves for future work. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., is an institution of which we, and, indeed, the entire South may justly be proud. Let us sustain it by giving of our means to its needs. Of Female Colleges, we have quite a number, doing excellent work. Of these, the Oxford Female Seminary, already marked by a brilliant career, has peculiar claims upon us. Prof. N. Fenick, of Virginia, has purchased the property, and has flattering prospects for the coming session. The school at Bethel Hill is in a flourishing condition, under the management of Rev. J. A. Beam. 93 students were in attendance last session, 7 of them studying for the ministry.

C. A. JENKENS,
J. H. HUTCHINSON,
J. F. USRY,
} Committee.

Dr. Taylor spoke in the interest of Wake Forest; Prof. N. Penick presented the claims of Oxford Female Seminary; Dr. R. H. Marsh and Rev. J. H. Lamberth made talks in the interest of Ministerial Education at Wake Forest College; Bro. Crudup spoke in behalf of High Point Female College.

After benediction by Rev. J. H. Lamberth the Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing "Am I soldier of the cross," the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and Rev. C. A. Jenkens offered prayer. The subject of Education was again taken up, and talks were made by Rev. R. VanDeventer, Rev. J. A. Beam and Bro. J. R. Hunter. Prof. L. W. Bagley, of Littleton High School, was introduced and recognized by the Moderator. Report on Orphanage was read by the committee, and after being discussed by Revs. R. VanDeventer and J. H. Mills was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

At present there are 127 children at the Orphanage. Here they find a home in its five dwelling houses, each house being under the direction of a competent teacher and matron. Every year the Orphanage farm becomes a larger factor in the support of the children. A course of study is pursued as regularly as circumstances will allow, thus fitting the children for future life. The religious condition of the Institution is healthy; one-fourth of the children are professing Christians. There is now a regular pastor at the Institution. Since last report the Nursery has been completed, which provides a home for the younger children. Porches have been added to the Biggs and Watson buildings, thus adding to their comfort and convenience. The Bath House has been built, which will greatly increase the comfort, health and pleasure of the children. Money is in hand to build an Infirmary. Charity and Children grows in popularity and circulation. We recommend that our Sunday Schools make regular monthly contributions to the Institution; that each Church make an effort to secure a club of subscribers for the paper; and that the Pastors keep the Orphanage before the people and take at least one collection a year for it.

R. VanDeventer,
B. F. Lawrence,
J. L. Pittard,
} Committee.

Cash collection of $21.36 was taken for the Orphanage.

Dr. C. T. Bailey, of Raleigh, was recognized by the Moderator, and made a brief speech in the interest of the Biblical Recorder.

Rev. C. A. Jenkens offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an effort be made at this meeting of the Association to secure from the Churches the funds necessary to complete the payment due on the house of Sister C. T. Humphries. Dr. Marsh, Rev. J. S. Hardaway and Bro. T. H. Street endorsed the resolutions, and the Churches pledged their earnest efforts to raise the following amounts: Amis Chapel, $15.00; Antioch, $10.00; Bethany, $5.00; Bethel, 17.55, paid; Concord, $20.00; Corinth, $100.00; Enon, $25.00; Flat River Union, $10.00; Grassy Creek, $15.00; Henderson, $15.00; Hester's, $10.00; Island Creek, $25.00; Mill Creek, $15.00; Mt. Creek; $25.00; Mt. Harmony, $5.00; Mt. Zion, $100.00; Pleasant Grove, $10.00; Mary's Chapel, $5.00; Oxford, $100.00; Olive Branch, $20.00; Olive Grove, $5.00; Poplar Creek, $25.00; Providence, $20.00, $16.50 paid; Roxboro, $15.00; Rock Springs, $5.00; State Line, $15.00; Stovall, $20.00; Snow Hill, $5.00; Tally Ho, $10.00. Dr. Baiely subscribed $5.00 to this object. On motion of Dr. Marsh, Bros. I. N. Day, J. F. Usry, T. H. Street, J. J. Meadows and J. M. Currin were appointed a committee to look after this work.

Foreign Missions was made a special order for 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

After prayer by Dr. Bailey, the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning, August 14th.

THURSDAY MORNING.

At 9:30 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order, and Rev. R. VanDeventer conducted devotional exercises, reading a portion of the twelth chapter of Romans, and offering prayer. Minutes of proceedings of Tuesday and Wednesday were read, corrected and adopted. Roll of Churches was called and many of the delegates failed to answer.

Foreign Missions being special order for this hour the Committee presented a report, which was adopted after discussions by Bros. Amis, Parham, Rogers, Prof. Brewer, Revs. R. VanDeventer and G. T. Watkins.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is an injunction which our Churches ought not and cannot afford to neglect or ignore. No Baptist Church can justly claim to be a true Christian body unless it is in the fullest sympathy with the cause of Missions. While this grand work, so early begun, and so vigorously prosecuted by the great Apostle to the Gentiles, now, more than ever in the history of Christian civilization, demands the most earnest efforts of all Christian hearts, it is especially incumbent upon our Baptist people to see that this great Gospel work suffer no detriment at their hands: and the Baptist Church, in this age of development and progress, that fails to contribute to so good a cause, overlooks and neglects the primary and fundamental principle of its organization. At the last meeting of this Association a resolution was passed to raise $800 during the years 1889 and 1890. The reports from the various Churches show that $1081.07 have actually been contributed. Bro. G. T. Watkins goes to the Foreign field from our Association, and it becomes us to take a greater interest in this great work.

R. AMIS,
C. E. BREWER,
J. W. ATKINSON,
} Committee.

A cash collection of $16.25 was taken for defraying the expenses of Rev. G. T. Watkins at the Theological Seminary.

Bro. Watkins was requested to visit the Orphanage, preach to the children about missions and take a collection.

The committees on Sunday Schools and Fifth Sunday meetings offered their reports as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe the Sunday School to be one of the strongest channels through which the masses are most effectually reached in early life, and by it the Gospel is wonderfully and powerfully preached. Therefore we urge that every Church have connected with it a live Sunday School. It is gratifying, indeed, to your committee, to be able to report that out of the thirty-one Churches represented at the present session of the Association, there are thirty Sunday Schools, with a membership of more than two thousand, or an average of about sixty to the Church. Nearly all these schools are kept open throughout the entire year. We find that they are financially self-sustaining, and that liberal contributions have been made to the different objects of the Association. Yet there is room for a still grander and nobler work along this line and we do most earnestly insist that all our Churches continue to bestir themselves in this grand department of Christ's kingdom

N. S. JONES,
J. G. MORGAN,
S. BUMPASS,
} Committee.

REPORT ON FIFTH SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg to report that we believe great good can be accomplished by holding fifth Sunday, "Sunday School and Associational Meetings." Therefore we recommend that such meetings be held throughout our Association. We further recommend that the Churches in the Association be divided into four sections, and a meeting, composed of three delegates from each Church and two from each Sunday School, be held in each section, beginning on every Fifth Sunday and Saturday before, that may occur during any year. Each section shall elect its officers, such as Moderator, Clerk, &c., and shall meet and discuss such questions as a committee, appointed by this Association, may suggest. We further recommend that a committee of three be appointed to arrange and publish a programme for the first meeting which shall be held on the Fifth Sunday and Saturday before in August, 1890, at such places as this committee may deem best, and this programme shall apply to all the sections. We recommend that said committee be appointed for one year or until their successors are appointed.

R. H. MARSH,
N. S. JONES,
A. C. PARHAM, } Committee.

These reports were discussed by Dr. Marsh, Rev. N. S. Jones, Prof. Brewer and R. Amis, and adopted.

The Moderator appointed Dr. Marsh, Rev. C. A. Jenkens, and Bro. A. C. Parham a committee on Fifth Sunday meetings.

Report on Home Missions was next called for, and the committee read the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Nearly four hundred missionaries are employed by the Home Mission Board. Hundreds more are needed. In 1879 the Board employed thirty missionaries who baptized nine hundred and ninety-one converts. Last year three hundred and twenty-eight were employed who baptized four thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven converts. In 1879 only $14,240.00 were contributed to the Board. Last year the contributions amounted to over $152,000.00,—an average yearly increase of over $13,000.00. Since the board began work one thousand Churches have been organized and seventy-five thousand converts baptized. Most of this work has been done in the wild West, where some of our boys may go. While we have done a noble work, a far grander work lies before us. The demands for activity are greater than ever before. Thousands of Foreigners are crowding our shores and flooding our "Sunny land." With them they bring their religious, antagonistic to ours,—they are enemies to our relegion. We must give them the religion of Christ or they will give our people their destructive doctrines. Think of the destitution in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and the Island of Cuba. The thirty missionaries in Louisiana report the work as most hopeful, and yet one half of the state has not a white Baptist preacher in it. Again the great race question is beginning to claim the attention of the Board. To give the religion of Jesus is our only hope for the colored race. We earnestly ask each member of this Association to pray for this work and contribute more largely to this grand cause.

J. A. BEAM,
S. C. HUMPHQIES,
T. B. LYON, } Committee.

Revs. J. A. Beam and John S. Hardaway made speeches on the subject and the report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, all speeches were limited to 2½ minutes.

The committee on Colportage read their report which was discussed by Rev. W. E. Warren, Prof. Penick and A. T. Denny, and adopted.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

No better means, to enlighten the people on religious subjects, exist than through the Colportage work. There are people in our midst who never go to Church or Sunday School, and the only possible way to give them the Gospel is to go to them. Let us as an Association employ a man, one full of love to God and burning with zeal for the Salvation of his fellow creatures, to go into the field and work during the whole year. There is need that something be done.

Our people have remained idle in this respect too long already. Let us awake to our duty and go out and possess the land.

A. T. DENNY,
T. S. WILKERSON,
T. JACKSON,
} Committee.

Report on Temperance was next called for and Rev. J. A. Stradley read the following which was adopted:

Your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that professed Christians are spending more money for intoxicating liquors than they are giving to the support of the Gospel. We believe that Church members who visit bar rooms have destroyed their Christian influence and are a great injury to the cause of Christ. We believe that drinking Church members are doing more to encourage the liquor traffic than all others combined. We believe that the liquor traffic is the supreme curse of our nation, and that it is the fire of hell that lights up and keeps burning nearly every other evil. We believe that it is easily in the power of Christian people to greatly diminish if not entirely destroy this great curse; and that if they do not do it God will hold them to a fearful accountability for such a failure.

J. A. STRADLEY,
R. PEED,
G. W. WHEELUS,
} Committee.

Rev. J. A. Stradley and B. S. Royster called attention to the request of Peace Chapel for assistance in raising the funds necessary to complete the Church building at that place. Dr. Marsh moved that the pastors of the several Churches in the Association take collections at once for this object, and forward all amounts to Bro. A. C. Parham, Oxford, N. C. This motion prevailed and Bro. Parham was requested to receive and pay over to building committee all moneys paid to him for this purpose. The report on church letters was next read and adopted.

The Treasurer read report of moneys passing through his hands, which the Association found correct and adopted.

The committee on place and preacher for next session read the following report which was adopted:

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

Your committee recommend that the next session of Flat River Association be held with Mill Creek Church, Person County, N. C., on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in August, 1891. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. C. A. Jenkens.

J. G. BLALOCK,
S. W. WALLER,
G. W. WRIGHT,
} Committee.

Dr. Marsh, Revs. J. A. Stradley, C. A. Jenkens and John S. Hardaway were appointed to prepare a form of Church letter and have same printed.

Rev. J. A. Stradley offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to Pleasant Grove Church and the citizens of this community for their elegant hospitality to us during our present session.

Rev. C. A. Jenkens read the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That, in subsequent meetings of this Association, the body adjourn whenever preaching is announced by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed Dr. R. H. Marsh a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Revs. C. A. Jenkens, J. A. Beam and Bro. A. C. Parham, delegates to the State Convention.

The Clerk was allowed fee of fifteen dollars and directed to expend balance of minute funds in having Church letters and Minutes of this Session printed.

The Moderator announced chairmen of the several committees for the coming year and requested that they be prepared to make reports by next session. There being no other business the Association, after prayer by Rev. J. A. Beam, adjourned to meet with Mill Creek Church, Person County, North Carolina, on Tuesday after second Sunday in August, 1891.

B. S. ROYSTER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	Other objects.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	G. T. Watkins.	Membership.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dsm'd by Letter.	Died.	Excluded.	Per capita including Pastor's Salary and Ch. Ex's	Per capita for benevolence.	Total contributions including Pastor's Salary.
Amis' Chapel,	200 00	15 00	.....	16 45	20 30	22 00	12 15	4 62	.....	170	0	1	6	2	1	1.64	.46	280 52
Antioch,	.....	.....	23 81	5 00	4 35	.....	12 60	5 05	5 00	66	0	0	1	0	5	.....	.84	.....
Bethany,	125 00	6 00	.....	4 60	4 60	3 20	1 55	4 00	5 00	62	6	5	0	2	1	2.48	.37	153 95
Bethel,	200 00	12 50	23 55	18 26	31 65	16 35	66 25	20 15	6 40	159	4	7	7	5	6	2.48	1.14	395.11
Concord,	150 00	103 00	.....	8 36	14 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	104	0	4	3	0	0	2.84	.40	295 36
Corinth,	.....	.....	.....	6 44	15 00	.....	7 90	6 84	.....	111	20	4	4	2	0	.....	.32	.....
Enon,	250 00	75	.....	14 45	42 55	12 10	16 0 2	13 02	.....	110	0	6	1	2	1	3.17	.89	348 89
Fellowship,	100 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	2 75	.....	.....	.....	86	4	2	2	1	1	1.22	.5	105 75
Flat River Union,	150 00	4 50	.....	10 00	17 40	10 80	.....	23 15	.....	133	6	7	6	4	6	1.62	.46	215 85
Grassy Creek,	200 60	25 10	10 00	7 12	7 56	8 00	8 25	5 81	20 20	199	13	3	25	2	7	1.46	.33	292 04
Henderson,	1000 00	545 75	58 10	17 20	83 01	142 01	104 01	124 20	.....	185	20	22	8	1	2	11.21	2.85	2074 28
Hester's	200 00	13 00	18 85	5 80	14 67	4 20	13 00	2 35	.....	199	8	3	11	5	3	1.36	.29	271 87
Island Creek,	200 00	25 00	7 00	9 00	71 05	51 07	10 45	7 45	7 00	204	5	..	16	1	6	1.90	.80	388 02
Mill Creek,	200 00	5 00	.....	15 00	20 75	23 27	8 35	26 17	10 00	163	16	1	2	1	1	1.89	.63	308 54
Mountain Creek,	200 00	13 00	34 60	17 00	37 95	13 35	18 60	5 00	.....	212	..	1	9	5	5	1.65	.65	350 90
Mount Harmony,	.....	.....	4 50	.....	6 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	59	..	4	3	..	..	.....	.22	13 00
Mount Zion,	275 00	15 00	38 65	16 80	53 00	26 50	28 75	20 00	20 00	214	1	7	8	3	9	2.30	.94	493 70
Pleasant Grove,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	..	..	3	..	3	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel,	50 00	.....	2 50	64	1 00	64	64	65	.....	44	..	2	1	..	..	1.27	.13	56 07
New Light,	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	109	15	..	8	3	3	.....	.09	.....
Peace Chapel,	50 00	.....	440 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	4	3	..	..	..	18.15	....	490 00
Oxford,	1000 00	13 85	132 16	79 04	146 06	82 36	69 00	30 00	18 00	203	2	13	36	1	1	7.73	2.74	1570 47
Olive Branch,	125 00	15 00	12 15	5 00	6 00	5 00	6 00	4 15	.....	191	..	2	1	5	4	.93	.19	178 30
Olivo Grove,	50 00	.....	.....	1 75	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	59	30	2	3	..	2	.92	.08	54 75
Providence,	.....	63 20	25 66	.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	11	3	5	3	9	.73	.23	93 11
Roxboro,	200 00	20 00	70 95	15 00	28 85	36 00	40 00	82 58	.....	65	3	11	10	..	..	7.50	4.11	487 38
Rock Spring,	60 00	25 00	.....	.....	9 00	9 00	5 00	3 30	3 50	27	..	7	..	..	..	4.25	1.10	114 80
Stovall,	150 00	172 35	5 17	4 60	25 60	28 00	7 25	5 00	6 00	98	3	10	3	..	..	4.12	.83	403 97
State Line,	150 00	7 00	12 90	6 22	7 21	4 00	5 05	.....	43 47	103	15	9	3	..	5	2.20	.77	236 46
Snow Hill,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	..	..	2	..	1	.....	....	20 00
Fally Ho,	175 00	11 35	4 00	3 50	8 06	1 00	2 30	10 48	.....	133	..	2	6	1	3	1.62	.22	215 69
Poplar Creek,	200 00	.....	6 00	19 68	55 67	30 77	8 00	30 01	.....	126	9	3	3	..	1	2.78	1.19	350 13

Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Post-Offices, and Days of Meeting.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan, N. C	First Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	W. E. Warren	Roxboro, "	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah "	Second " " " " "
Bethany	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford "	B. V. Riggs	Moriah "	" " " " " "
Bethal	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill "	Third " " " " "
Concord	N. S. Jones	Raleigh "	T. J. Smith	Lyons "	Second " " " " "
Corinth	M. A. Adams	Wake Forest "	E. C. Montague	Clay "	" " " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford "	F. Y. Currin	Oxford "	Fourth " " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson Store.	T. H. Perry	Beck "	" " " " "
Flat River Union	N. S. Jones	Raleigh "	M. B. Waller	Knapp of Reeds	" " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford "	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram "	" " " " "
Henderson	R. VanDeventer	Henderson "	T. J. Mitchell	Henderson "	Every " Morning and night
Hesters	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford "	N. J. Puckett	Satterwhite "	Second " and Saturday before
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro "	Third " " " "
Mill Creek	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro "	Jno. L. Gentry	Mill Creek "	Second " " " "
Mountain Creek	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford "	J. S. Eakes	Whet Stone "	Third " " " "
Mt. Harmony	W. E. Warren	Roxboro "	S. Bumpass	Mt. Tirzah "	Fourth " " " "
Mt. Zion	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford "	E. A. Howard	Hargrove "	First " " " "
Mary's Chapel	Z. W. Wheelous	Grissom "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom "	" " " " "
New Light	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson Store.	W. D. Peed	Roger's Store "	Second " " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford "	E. G. Currin	Oxford "	Every " morning and night
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Peace Chapel	M. R. Purnell	Franklinton "	H. T. Jeffress	Kittrell "	Fourth " " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson Store.	W. A. Hester	Mt. Energy "	First " " " "
Providence	W. E. Warren	Roxboro "	T. Jackson	Mill Creek "	" " " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford "	J. H. Parham	Henderson "	" " " " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro "	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro "	Third " morning and night
Rock Springs	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	C. Gordon	Townesville "	Fourth " and Saturday before
State Line	T. W. Greer	Clarksville, Va.	C. S. Gordon	Soudan, Va.	First " " " "
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	J. S. Royster	Stovall "	Second " " " "
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville "	D. A. Pittard		Fourth "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford "	C. H. Washington	Stem "	Third " and Saturday before

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTEND'TS.	POST OFFICES		SCHOOLS.	No Teach.& Offic'rs	NO. PUPILS	CONTRIBUTIONS.
Amis Chapel	R. W. Downey	Buchanan,	N. C.	1	8	50	12.62
Antioch	C. H. Tapp	Ai	"	1	7	42	4.60
Bethel	T. D. Woody,	Bethel Hill	"	1	3	70	15.00
Concord	T. J. Smith	Lyons	"	1	7	80	15.00
Corinth	J. B. Elliot	Clay	"	1	..	...	.....
Enon	J. F. Currin	Oxford	"	1	6	60	23.00
F't River Un'n	S. W. Waller	Knap of Reeds	"	1	9	60	7.50
Grassy Creek	J. L. Pittard	Adoniram	"	1	8	90	9.06
Henderson	T. M. Pittman	Henderson	"	1	21	189	378.77
Hester's	R. D. Brooks	Oxford	"	1	8	58	.....
Island Creek	R. L. Dunn	Williamsboro	"				
" "	J. G. Morgan	"	"	2	22	110	10.00
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	"	1	11	47	.....
Mount'n Creek	W. G. Eakes	Whet Stone	"	1	8	50	4.00
Mt. Harmony	D. E. Peed	Mt. Tirzah	"	1	5	55	2.00
Mt. Zion	J. J. Meadows	Berea	"	1	7	54	10.87
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Wheelous	Grissom	"	1	6	40	.....
New Light	L. A. Wilson	New Light	"	1	9	60	.....
Oxford	C. D. Ray	Oxford	"	1	16	175	64.42
Olive Branch	J. C. Humphries	Collier	"	2	16	82	5.00
Olive Grove	W. T. Perry	Rogers' Store	"	1	..	60	.....
PleasantGrove	W. J. Rogers	Mt. Energy	"	1	8	50	3.20
Providence	G. W. Buchanan	Roxboro	"				
"	H. T. White	"	"	2	17	111	7.75
Poplar Creek	A. J. Wright	Dabney	"	1	6	45	38.00
Roxboro	R. E. Couch	Roxboro	"	1	11	52	13.00
Rock Springs	C. Gordon	Townsville	"	1	7	38	10.00
Stovall	R. A. Gill	Stovall	"	1	8	52	16.78
Snow Hill	J. I. Murray	Allensville	"	1	..	...	.....
Tally Ho	T. H. Stem	Stem	"	1	8	48	10.00

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" E. F. Beacham, Oxford, N. C.
" T. W. Greer, Clarksville, Va.
" J. S. Hardaway, Oxford, N. C.
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J. G. Blalock, Berea, N. C.
— — Gordon, Buchanan, N. C.
C. E. Ball, Dabney, N. C.
T. J. Hudson, Bethel Hill, N. C.

COMMITTEES TO PREPARE REPORTS FOR NEXT SESSION.

PERIODICALS: B. S. Royster.
STATE MISSIONS: T. M. Pittman.
FOREIGN MISSIONS: B. D. Howard.
HOME MISSIONS: R. Amis.
EDUCATION: W. W. Kitchen.
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE: N. Penick.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: R. E. Couch.
TEMPERANCE: D. A. Pittard.
COLPORTAGE: F. P. Hobgood.
PLACE AND PREACHER: J. J. Meadows, H. A. Nichols, J. T. Rogers.
CHURCH LETTERS: C. A. Jenkens, J. S. Hardaway, N. S. Jones
5TH SUNDAY MEETINGS: Revs. R. H. Marsh, D. D., C. A. Jenkens and Bro. A. C. Parham.

ANNUAL REPORT

BY THE TREASURER OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

RECEIPTS.

Cash for Minutes,	$ 47 00
Cash for Ministerial Education,	69 61
Cash for Foreign Missions,	481 64
Cash for Home Missions,	47 14
Cash for State Missions,	311 55
Cash for Baptist Orphanage,	90 39
	$1048 30
Cash in hand,	$4 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid Clerk,	$ 15 00
By cash paid for Minutes,	32 97
J. D. Boushall, for Ministerial Education,	69 61
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Cash to J. H. Mills, for Baptist Orphanage,	90 39
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each Church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the Churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.
8. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
9. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
10. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

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" M. A. Adams,	Wake Forest,	"
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" E. F. Beacham,	Franklinton,	"
" W. R. Cullom,	Wake Forest,	"
" R. I. Devin,	Oxford,	"
" T. W. Greer,	Hanford,	Va.
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford,	N. C.
" T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	"
" C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford,	"
" J. H. Lambeth,	Roxboro,	"
" R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	"
" E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	"
" M. R. Pernell,	Franklinton,	"
" A. F. Purephoy,	Wake Forest,	"
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	"
" R. VanDeventer,	Henderson,	"
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" W. E. Warren,	Roxboro,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

MILL CREEK CHURCH, PERSON COUNTY, N. C.,

August 11th, 1891.

The ninety-eigth session of the Flat River Baptist Association met at Mill Creek Church, Person county, N. C., August 11th, 1891, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. A. Jenkins, from Romans 3: 28, "A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

AFTER INTERMISSION,

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. T. H. Street. Rev. R. VanDeventer read a part of the 119th Psalm, and offered prayer. In the absence of the former Clerk, Bro. J. W. Noell was requested to act *pro tem.* Moderator appointed Brethren R. Amis and F. P. Hobgood Reading Clerks. The roll of churches being called, the following were represented, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS CHAPEL: John Amis,* J. S. Pool, L. G. Chandler.*
ANTIOCH: H. H. Nichols, R. F. Trimb, J. R. Yarborough.
BETHANY: W. A. Malone, L. J. Meadows, W. H. Copley.
BETHEL: S. P. Gentry, Ruffin Woody, J. C. Rogers.
CONCORD: W. J. Mize, W. J. Coley,* T. B. Lyon.
CORINTH: J. I. Gorden, J. R. Buchanan,* A. A. Overton.*
ENON: E. K. Howard, J. P. Cannady, F. Y. Currin.
FELLOWSHIP: Isaiah J. O'Dear, R. O. Weathers,* T. D. Cannady.*
FLAT RIVER UNION: E. H. Veazy, M. W. B. Veazy, A. Oakley.*
GRASSY CREEK: J. W. Winston, R. L. Pittard, R. Hester.
HENDERSON: T. J. Mitchell,* T. B. Stewart.
HESTER'S: R. D. Brooks, J. H. Morris, H. H. Hobgood.
ISLAND CREEK: D. L. Woody, J. A. S. Shotwell, P. B. Sneed.

Names marked thus * were not present during the session.

MILL CREEK: John H. Gentry, R. C. Pugh, J. P. Buchanan.
MOUNTAIN CREEK: J. H. Watkins, Richard Parham, Henry Frazier.
MT. HARMONY: T. R. Jones, D. E. Peed, D. W. Knott.
MT. ZION: B. D. Howard, S. H. Jones, Pinkney Meadows.
MARY'S CHAPEL: N. T. Jones,* J. W. Wheelrons,* J. Z. Allen.*
NEW LIGHT: ————, ————, ————.
OXFORD: N. Penick,* J. V. Rice,* F. P. Hobgood.
OLIVE BRANCH: J. P. Stovall, E. J. Ramsey, J. R. Hays.*
OLIVE GROVE: E. M. Perry,* T. A. Shearon,* R. J. Emery.*
PLEASANT GROVE: W. A. Hester, J. T. Rogers,* T. M. Thomason.*
PEACE CHAPEL: H. F. Jeffries,* J. C. Wilson,* N. B. Dickerson,* W. W. Dickerson.*
POPLAR CREEK: J. E. Callis,* J. H. Parham, A. J. Wright.*
PROVIDENCE: D. Gravitt, A. B. Harris, T. Jackson.
ROXBORO: A. R. Foushee, W. W. Kitchin, J. W. Noell.
ROCK SPRINGS: J. T. Harris, F. D. Harris,* B. F. Knott.*
STATE LINE: C. S. Hite,* H. H. Averett, J. B. V. Tunstall.
STOVALL: R. A. Gill, Uriah Cutts, L. W. Overby.
SNOW HILL: P. G. Montague, J. I. Murray, D. A. Pittard.
TALLY HO: S. P. Washington, W. R. Bullock, Wm. Averitt.*
FLORENCE AVENUE: Rufus Amis, G. W. P. Pool, T. B. Hill.*

The Moderator announced the election of officers as the next order of business, and the following were chosen: Moderator, T. H. Street; Clerk, J. G. Blalock; Treasurer, J. S. Royster.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on programme: R. VanDeventer, C. A. Jenkins and F. P. Hobgood.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the Association, and the following responded to the invitation and were recognized by the Moderator: Prof. J. C. C. Dunford, of Roanoke Association; J. C. Caddell, Associate Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*; Rev. W. T. Jones, Sandy Creek Association; Capt. I. H. Saunders, Danville, Va., Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Corresponding Secretary of Education Board; Rev. S. F. Conrad, Pilot Mountain Association; Rev. J. B. Boon, Financial Agent of Baptist Female University; Rev. M. L. Kesler, Corresponding Secretary of Sunday Schools and Colportage, and E. J. Edwards, of the *North Carolina Baptist*.

The committee on programme submitted a report which was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

PERIODICALS: Rev, C. A. Jenkins.
STATE MISSIONS: Rev. R. VanDeventer.
EDUCATION: W. W. Kitchin.
HOME MISSIONS: R. Amis.
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS: R. E. Couch.
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PLACE AND PREACHER: H. H. Nichols and B. D. Howard.
FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS: Revs. R. H. Marsh and C. A. Jenkins.

The committee on periodicals read the following report:

By motion of Bro. VanDeventer the time for the discussion of Education was extended 15 minutes to hear from Rev. J. B. Boon, Fin. Agt. of the Baptist Female University, in regard to that projected institution. After which the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

C. A. JENKINS, Committee.

The report, after being discussed by J. C. Caddell, E. S. Edwards, F. P. Hobgood and R. VanDeventer, was adopted. By motion, the Moderator appointed Brethren F. P. Hobgood, W. A. Malone and Rev. R. H. Marsh to assist Bro. Caddell in soliciting subscribers for the *Biblical Recorder*.

Bro. R. Amis read a letter from Florence Baptist church, requesting admittance into the Flat River Association. By motion, the request was referred to a committee of three, consisting of J. H. Lamberth, G. T. Watkins and J. K. P. Stovall for consideration.

The request of Henderson Baptist church, for letter of dismissal from the Flat River Association, to unite with the Tar River Association, was granted.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins moved that the report of Church Letters be dispensed with, which motion was carried.

Rev. R. H. Marsh read resolutions in regard to the Centennial of Missions. Remarks by Rev. C. Durham. Afterwards amended by Bro. B. D. Howard, and adopted as follows:

"WHEREAS, The Centennial of Missions is to be emphasized by the Baptists of the world, and especially by the Southern Baptist Convention during the year 1892. Therefore

RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed to arrange for special and appropriate Centennial Services on Wednesday of next session." Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three, consisting of Revs. J. S. Hardaway, R. I. Devin and J. A. Stradley to arrange for appropriate Centennial Services. After benediction the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, August 12th, 1891.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 12th, 1891.

The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock, by Moderator

[redacted]

Bro. J. H. Mills was recognized and spoke in behalf of the Orphanage, presenting its urgent needs. Prof. F. P. Hobgood also made remarks, after which the report was adopted.

A cash collection was taken up for the Orphanage amounting to $26.40.

After benediction by Bro. C. Durham, Association adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

After singing "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," Association was called to order by Moderator, and led in prayer by Rev. J. A. Stradley.

The hour for Foreign Missions having arrived Bro. B. D. Howard read the following report:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Mathew 28 :19 we find of the Master, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." How are we obeying this command? Let us look at the contributions from the different churches in the Association. There are a few churches in this Association that did not give anything to Foreign Missions last year. Some with 80 or 90 members only give $1.00. We need to be waked up spiritually. We have slept too long already. You

build up a college equal to any; to educate indigent young men called to preach the gospel and to give the gospel to all destitute sections of North Carolina and some means for the sustenance of the foreign mission work.

The field is extensive; it is safe to say there are 500,000 grown people in N. C. who belong to no church.

The State Mission Board in N. C. employs 124 men to work in 34 Associations. With more means in the hands of the Board, vastly more can be done toward giving the truth, as we believe it, to the 500,000 unsaved in our State."

R. VANDEVENTER, Committee.

The report on Education was next called for and Rev. W. R. Gwaltney and Prof. H. A. Foushee made interesting speeches.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION:

The time for the report on Orphanage having arrived, Bro. A. R. Foushee submitted the following:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

"Since our last meeting the Orphanage work has gone smoothly on. the Lassiter building and Infirmary have been built. There are now a goodly number of buildings, so that there is not such a pressing need for houses as for funds to carry on the work of the institution. Bro. J. H. Mills was re-elected superintendent at the recent annual meeting and Bro. Hilliard, a worthy brother. was elected to fill the office of Treasurer and Pastor. The Lord has peculiarly blessed this institution, and other states, notably Va. and S. C., have profited by our example and are building homes for their own orphans. Charity and Children continues to grow in popularity and merit. We recommend that our Sunday Schools take regular monthly collections for the Orphanage; that each church make an effort to secure a club of subscribers for Charity and Children, and that the Pastors keep the Orphanage before the people and take at least one collection a year for it.

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brethren in the ministry stop shooting long ranged guns at sinners until you arouse and wake up your church members to their duty, and then, and not till then, will we have more religion, and more religion will be the means of greater things being done for the Lord. In the State of North Carolina there are the rise of 800 Baptist churches and of that number there are 453 contributing and 417 non-contributing churches to this object. Now what is the cause? Something is wrong somewhere and what is it? Does the Bible teach us to be missionaries? If so have we done as we are commanded? Do we give as the Lord hath prospered us? Are there any Heathen? Do we want them saved? We say yes. Now let us look at the Heathen world. There is China teeming with her millions. How many missionaries have we there? 37 in all, 10 of these are unmarried ladies. Now to include main stations there are 89 according to F. M. Journal. In China there are millions of souls that never heard of Christ. Dr. Yates said before he died, there were 80 million that had heard of Christ, leaving 420 millions stark Heathen. Is not this alarming? Then Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan are all calling for the gospel. Will we move forward on this line and do more than we have been doing? The churches need plain Preachers to tell them of the destitution and the great need of money to carry out the Lords command. Will you do it? If not we will continue to drag and sleep spiritually.

B. D. Howard, Committee.

After interesting speeches by Brethren B. D. Howard, R. Van Deventer, C. Durham, F. P. Hobgood and J. A. George, of Armenia, Asia, the report was odopted unanimously.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins next made a short speech setting forth the peculiar claims of the Oxford Female Seminary on the people of this Association.

Brethren Van Deventer, Stradley and Marsh spoke of the condition of Peace Chapel and requested the brethren to aid them.

The report on Colportage was called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take charge of the S. S. Institutes and the Colportage work. The committee will co-operate with the Sunday School and Colportage Board.

F. P. Hobgood, Committee.

The report was adopted after remarks by M. L. Kesler, Cor. Sec. of the Sunday School and Colportage Board.

After benediction by Rev. J. A. Stradley, the Association adjourned to meet Thursday morning, 9:30 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 13th, 1891.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Rev. R. H. Marsh offered prayer. The Clerk called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees. Minutes of Wednesdays proceedings were read and approved.

By motion of Bro. R. H. Marsh the Clerk was authorized to collect, as nearly as possible, a file of the minutes of the Flat River Association and to have them bound in book form, and the expense of the same to be paid from the minute fund.

By motion the speeches of to-day were limited to three minutes each.

The committee on Home Missions offered the following report:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work of the Southern Baptists is deservedly attracting more attention than ever before in the history of our denomination.

The constantly increasing inflow of northern and foreign immigration, with a resident native population of more than five millions of negroes doubly emphasizes the importance of this great work.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in May last, reported 401 Missionaries, then employed, as against 361 last year. Of these, 31 were among the Indians and people of foreign birth, the latter being located mostly in Kentucky, Missouri and Texas. In Cuba there were 22; and in the Southern States, 57 among the negroes and 302 among the whites. There had been baptized 5349, a gain of 872 over the previous year, and 9189 admitted to the churches, a gain of 878. 424 Sabbath Schools had been organized, as against 363 last year. The amount of expenditures for new church buildings had run up to $60,473, as against $37,324 for last year, while the number built was 143 as against 84 last year.

The Board further stated: "We do not hesitate to affirm our confident belief that an expenditure, under the best conditions, by our Home Mission and State Boards of $30,000 a year, for the next ten years, would settle the race question forever."

In view of the foregoing interesting facts, your committee beg leave to urge upon this Association the great and overshadowing importance of increased activity in a work that appeals so strongly to all christian hearts.

Respectfully submitted.

RUFUS AMIS, Committee.

This report, after being discussed by Rev. J. A. Stradley, was adopted.

Rev. R. H. Marsh read the following report concerning the Humphries house and lot.

REPORT ON MRS. HUMPHRIES HOUSE AND LOT:

TO THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION,

Dear Brethren: We the Committee, I. N. Day, J. F. Usery, J. M. Curren, J. J. Meadows and Thos. H. Street, appointed by you at your last session to collect from the churches the several amounts pledged by them to pay for a home for Sister Humphries and children, wife of our dear brother, Elder C. F. Humphries, have to report that we have purchased said home near the corporate limits of town. Said lot of land is 194 by 250 feet, on which there is a three-room house, nearly new, kitchen and good well of water, it being the lot bargained for by Bro. Humphries in his life time, and for which we paid six hundred and fifty dollars. The cash has been paid, and a deed of trust executed to Sister Humphries, her lifetime or widowhood, and then to her children, and the same has been put on record in the Register's office.

And your Committee desires to state that a part of the amount has been borrowed from the Bank of Oxford, Isaac N. Day giving his note for the same; and we are of the opinion that when the balance of the churches pay up their pledges in full, (which we have no doubt will be done soon), we will be able to satisfy the bank in full. Yours very respectfully,

ISAAC N. DAY,
Ch'm'n of Com.

Oxford, N. C., August 10th, 1891.

The report was adopted.

Bro. B. D. Howard moved that the delegates of the separate churches take up a collection for Rev. E. F. Beecham, who is now in very needy circumstanses, and send the same to Rev. R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C.

The Report on Temperance was called for, and the following was read and adopted, after remarks by Revs. J. A. Stradley and J. J. Lansdell:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE:

"The effects of dram-drinking is, as we daily see, so detrimental and destructive of property, health and human happiness, that we think no church member can engage in it, without lowering himself in the estimation of the ungodly men, in the esteem of all right thinking church members, in his own estimation, and in the

estimation of the God who calls intoxicating liquors a "Mocker," who says "Look not thou upon it when it is red, and giveth his color in the cups," who says "It biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." We think that moderate dram-drinking deserves the rebuke and censure of all church members, who are not clogs to christian progress themselves, and we should withdraw fellowship from every card, billiard and saloon visitor."

D. A. PITTARD, Committee.

The committee on Preacher and Place reported as follows:

REPORT ON PREACHER AND PLACE.

We, your Committee, recommend that the next session of the Flat River Association be held with Island Creek Church, Vance County, N. C., on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1892. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. J. H. Lamberth.

H. H. NICHOLS, B. D. HOWARD, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING MINISTERS RELIEF BOARD.

RESOLVED, That this Association endorse the appointment by the Committee of a Ministers' Relief Board, and request the churches to take at least one collection a year for the objects of the Board.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

The report on Sunday Schools was called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"We believe the Sunday Schools of to-day to be second in importance only to the church of Christ. In them a crucified Redeemer is held before many young eyes, which otherwise would not behold him. In our Association there are more than 30 Sunday Schools, besides several branch Schools, nearly all of these schools are ever green, as everything connected with the Master's work should be. There are in these Schools over two thousand scholars, most of whom are children being trained for the many duties of life and positions of honor and trust in the church and State. It is very gratifying that so many young minds are under Sunday School training, and while this is true, there are many, many more, who do not attend Sunday School at all; whose parents have taught them that it is even sinful to go to Sabbath School. We most earnestly commend these facts to your careful and prayerful consideration, under the firm conviction that with the blessings of God and the labor of his chosen ones, these Sunday Schools will become the power which they should be.

R. E. COUCH, Committee.

After remarks by Rev. J. J. Lansdell, the reporte was adopted.

Rev. R. H. Marsh reported *viva voce* on the 5th Sunday meetings. By motion of Bro. Stradley, the Committee on Sunday School Institutes are requested to divide the Association into two sections instead of four. Bro. B. D. Howard moved that the delegates of the several churches be requested to bring the matter of Colportage before their several churches, and take a collection within two months for the purpose of purchasing a supply of books, and report same to Rev. R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C.

The Moderator made the following appointments: Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. J. A. Stradley; Delegates to the State Convention, Rev. J. H. Lamberth, Bro. B. D. Howard and Rev. J. A. Beam; Committee on Sunday Schools and Colportage, Rev. R. H. Marsh, B. D. Howard and E. H. Jones.

Statement of last year's Treasurer, Bro. A. C. Parham, was read as follows:

Statement of the amount of cash received by me and reported to me, by the churches' since our last Association for the Orphanage and church buildings.

Cash collection at S. S. Institute at Island Creek for Orphanage	$13.25
Poplar Creek for Orphanage	6 25
Report from Mt. Creek	9.00
Report from Concord	25.00
	$53.50

For the Church at Peace's Chapel:

From Grassy Creek Church	$2.60
From Hesters Church	2.00
From Poplar Creek Church	6.25
	$10.85

Those of the above amount which were received by me have been forwarded as directed.

A. C. PARHAM, Treas.
Flat River Association.

Rev. R. H. Marsh offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS:

RESOLVED, That the the grateful thanks of this body are hereby due, and are hereby tendered to Mill Creek church and the citi-

zens of this community for their elegant hospitality to us during our present session.

Bro. Beam made a few fitting remarks in favor of his school at Bethel Hill.

The Treasurer submitted a report which was adopted.

By motion of Rev. R. H. Marsh the Treasurer was requested to pay out the money on hand according to the wishes of the several churches.

By motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood the clerks fee was reduced from $15.00 to $10.00. The balance of minute fund to be expended in having a file of minutes bound and minutes of this session printed.

There being no other business, the Association after singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and prayer by Rev. J. A. Beam, adjourned to meet with Island Creek Church, Vance County, N. C., on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in August, 1892.

T. H. STREET, MODERATOR.

JOSEPH G BLALOCK, Clerk.

JOE S. ROYSTER, Treasurer,

In acc't with Flat River Association.

Aug. 13th, 1891.

To am't Received for	Education,.....	$ 65 97
" " " "	Foreign Missions...	206 98
" " " "	Mrs. Humphries,....	1 85
" " " "	Home Missions,.....	102 47
" " " "	Orphanage,.....	122 97
" " " "	State Missions,.....	94 92
" " " of	A. C. Parham, Treas.	4 21
" " " for	Minute Fund, ...	48 74
		$648 11

By am't Paid for	Education, ...	$ 65 97
" " " "	Foreign Missions,.....	206 98
" " " "	Orphanage (to J. H. Mills,)	96 32
" " " "	"	26 65
" " " "	State Missions,.....	94 92
" " "	Cash on Hand from 1890,.....	4 21
" " "	Minute Fund,.....	48 74
" " "	on Mrs. Humphries Home.....	1 85
" " "	for Home Missions,.....	102 47
		$648 11

REPORT OF J. S. ROYSTER, TREASURER FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION,

August 13th, 1891	Minute Fund	Education For'd	Education On Hand	For'n Miss. For'd	For'n Miss. On Hand	Home Miss. For'd	Home Miss. On Hand	Orphanage For'd	Orphanage On Hand	State Miss. For'd	State Miss. On Hand	Other Objs For'd	Pastors salary	Church Expee	Mrs. Humphries.	Grand Total
Amis Chapel	$ 1 56	$ 4 15	$	$ 21 00	$	$ 3 00	$	$	$	$ 22 36	$	$ 18 00	$ 200 00	$ 40 00		$310 07
Antioch	2 00		5 53	7 00			5 53	11 50		6 10		36 00	140 00	4 08		217 84
Bethany	1 00	4 70		2 10		2 70			1 58		3 01	10 00	125 00	4 00		154 09
Bethel	2 00	126 50	3 15	14 50	6 21		22 20		9 25		17 25		200 00	8 35	$ 10 50	419 41
Concord	1 50			10 00		8 00				8 05			150 00	90 00		267 25
Corinth	1 50	10 00		31 11		2 15		5 00		8 00		25 00	125 00	80 17	100 00	387 93
Enon	1 50	42 75	14 35	25 94	5 65		15 10		20 20		13 30		250 00	86 20		494 69
Enon Sunday School				13 00	6 80											19 80
Fellowship	1 50											6 50	100 00	5 00		113 00
Florence Avenue	50															50
Flat River Union	1 50			6 46		5 65							150 00	22 00		185 61
Grassy Creek	1 60	4 12			10 87	6 00		5 51		6 27		20 25	200 00	43 53		302 71
Grassy Creek S. School							4 56									4 56
Henderson	2 50	20 75		106 64		73 15		811 25		26 37		45 25	1200 00	891 43		3177 34
Hesters	1 73		7 05		12 75		8 50		2 30			25 60	200 00	52 00	23 20	343 13
Hesters Sunday School					10 00											10 00
Island Creek	2 00	7 88		61 00		7 07				30 25		40 65	200 00	77 55	22 22	448 32
Island Creek S. School								10 00								10 00
Mill Creek	2 00		12 06	14 31		14 31		20 30	2 61	21 35		30 05	150 00	25 00		292 49
Mountain Creek	2 00	16 00		23 30		14 75				17 00		30 00	200 00	45 00		348 05
Mountain Creek S. School							2 00									2 00
Mount Zion	2 00		22 00		91 00	18 82	5 00	20 50	24 75		23 25	164 50	275 00	151 00		898 82
Slaughter Fund, Mt. Zion				282 33						150 00						432 33
Mt. Zion Sunday School					8 02			12 61			8 02					28 65
Mt. Harmony	1 10					3 00		5 00		3 30		5 30	90 00	114 00		221 70
Marys Chapel	50				1 10		1 10				1 10		50 00		5 00	58 80
New Light	1 50															
Oxford		26 93		86 75		84 48		46 50		47 46		411 06	1200 00	241 28	119 00	2263 46
Oxford Sunday School				15 00				22 61				20 00				57 61
Olive Branch	1 75				13 00		13 00	7 56					150 00	95 00	25 00	305 31
Olive Grove	1 25												50 00	48 00		99 25
Pleasant Grove	1 50				1 00		1 00		4 00		1 00		125 00			133 50
Providence	1 50				1 64	2 10			1 64	3 40				7 80		18 08
Peace Chapel	1 00												60 00	6 00		67 00
Poplar Creek	1 50				21 50		12 00		17 20		20 00	126 81	200 00	7 00		406 01
Poplar Creek S. School					5 19				5 19		5 19					15 57
Roxboro	2 00	39 50		68 34		30 16		69 75		65 00		138 98	400 00	104 00		917 73
Roxboro Sunday School								27 09								27 09
Rock Springs	1 00	3 00		15 70		3 00			5 75	12 76			60 00	26 90	11 46	139 57
Stovall	2 00	8 00		40 00		5 00				23 30		15 00	150 00	58 30	20 00	321 60
Snow Hill	25			10 00			3 00	5 00				8 00				26 25
State Line	2 00	3 00		6 89		6 80				6 45			150 00	44 03	15 25	234 42
State Line Sunday School						1 55		6 47								8 02
Tally Ho	1 50		1 83		7 25		6 75		1 85		2 80	33 00	175 00	10 00		239 98
Tally Ho Sunday School					5 00		2 73									7 73
Cash col at Association									26 65							
	$48 74	$317 28	$65 97	$861 37	$206 98	$291 70	$102 47	$1086 65	$ 122 97	$457 42	$94 92					

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES	Officers	Teachers	Pupils	Total	Average attendance	Months of School	Collections
Annis Chapel *									
Antioch	T. L. Wilkinson	Roxboro	2	4	54	60	25	9	$ 9 00
Bethel	W. A. Woody	Roxboro							12 00
Concord	A. M. Veazey	Wilkins	2	6	48	55		12	
Goliath	W. J. Parker	Clay	2	2	22	30	25		4 00
Knap	P. H. Royster	Oxford	2	4	60	66	47	12	19 30
Little River Union	S. W. Waller	Knapp of Roses	2	4	30	36	20	12	6 18
Grassy Creek	J. R. Hagsdale	Adoniram	3	4	63	70		9	4 36
Henderson	T. M. Pittman	Henderson	7	13	170	191	115	12	122 73
Hesters	J. H. Morris	Oxford	4	6	50	60	30	12	20 27
Island Creek	P. B. Sneed	Williamsboro	9	10	130	149		12	10 00
Mill Creek	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek	1	5	50	56	35	12	5 00
Mountain Creek	W. T. Lakes	Whetstone	3	5	60	68	40	12	2 00
Mt. Harmony	Amos Currin	Heres	2	3	25	30	25	12	3 00
Mt. Zion	J. J. Meadows	Heres	2	5	80	87	45	12	28 55
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Whetstone	Hesum	2	4	45	51	30	10	
New Light						30			
Olive Branch	J. C. Humphries								
Oxford	F. P. Hedgpeth	Oxford	7	15	240	262	175	12	118 53
Peace Chapel	H. F. Jefress	Kittrell	4	4	62	70	40	5	5 52
Pleasant Grove	A. C. Parham	Oxford	3	3			27	12	15 57
Poplar Creek	H. J. Whitt	Roxboro	2	6	73	81	55	12	5 20
Rock Spring	C. Gordon	Woodsworth	4	4	46	54	34	9	22 48
Roxboro	C. T. Willson	Roxboro	5	5	75	85	50	12	78 16
Snow Hill	J. I. Murray	Allensville	3	1	13	17	17	12	
State Line	W. T. Gordon	Semlan, Va.	4	4	51	59	35	12	7 95
Stovall	J. S. Royster	Stovall	3	4	74	81	50	12	12 00
Tally Ho	S. P. Washington	Stems	4	5	50	59	45	9	11 00
Tally Ho Branch	Thomas Smith	Hargrove							5 00
Florence Avenue	W. W. Hill	Blue Wing	1	5	54	60	40		
Total,						1559			

* Statistics lost.

PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	First Sunday and Saturday before
Antioch	W. E. Warren	Roxboro	H. H. Nicholls	Mt. Tirzah	Second " " " "
Bethany	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	B. V. Riggs	Moriah	" " " " "
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	Third " " " "
Concord	W. R. Cullom	Wake Forest	J. D. Clark	Lyon's	Second " " " "
Corinth	M. A. Adams	" "	W. J. Parker	Clay	" " " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	C. Y. Currin	Oxford	Fourth " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Store	T. M. Perry	Beck	" " " " "
Flat River Union	W. R. Cullom	Wake Forest	W. B. Smaller	Knap of Reeds	" " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram	" " " " "
Henderson	R Van Deventer	Henderson	S. J. Parham	Henderson	Every " morning and night
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	N. J. Puckett	Satterwhite	Second " and Saturday before
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	"	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	Third " " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Adoniram	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek	Fourth " " " "
Mountain Creek,	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	J. S. Eakes	betstone	Third " " " "
Mt. Harmony,	W. E. Warren	Roxboro	Simeon Bumpass	Mt. Tirzah	Fourth " " " "
Mt. Zion,	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	E. A. Howard	Hargrove	First " " " "
Mary's Chapel	A. F. Purep'boy	Wake Forest	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	" " " " "
New Light	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Store	W. D. Peed	Rogers' Store	Second " " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	E. G. Currin	Oxford	Every " morning and night
Olive Branch	J. H. Hutchinson	Hutchinson's Store	W. T. Perry	Rogers' Store	Third " and Saturday before
Olive Grove	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	W. T. Humphries	Collier	Second " " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Store	W. A. Hester	Hester	First " " " "
Peace Chapel	M. R. Purnell	Franklinton	H. F. Jeffries	Kittrell	Fourth " " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Watkins	First " " " "
Providence	W. E. Warren	Roxboro	Taylor Jackson	Mill Creek	" " " " "
Roxboro	J. H Lamberth	"	J. D. Morris	Roxboro	Second & Fourth Sun. morn. & night
Rock Spring	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. R. Turner	Townesville	Fourth Sunday and Saturday before
State Line	T. W. Greer	Hanford, Va	T. A. Royster	Bullock	First " " " "
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. S. Royster	Stovall	Second " " " "
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville	D. A. Pittard	Allensville	Every "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	C. H. Washington	Stems	Third " and Saturday before
Florence Avenue	Not called.		W. D. Amis		

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised	Restored	Excluded.	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed.	Died.	Total Membership	Gain.	Loss.
Amis Chapel *									
Antioch	6	2	1	3	1		78	8	
Bethany	2		4		4	1	40		7
Bethel			3	5	10	1	150		9
Concord	1			3	5	1	101		2
Corinth	12	1		5	8	3	126	7	
Enon	18		3	7	12	3	117	7	
Fellowship				1		2	85		1
Flat River Union	19		2	1		2	147	16	
Grassy Creek		2	1	6	6	2	198		1
Henderson	18	1	1	5	4	1	205	18	
Hesters	24	6	4	6	8	1	209	10	
Island Creek	26	1	4	8	6	3	225	22	
Mill Creek	13		5		12		158		4
Mountain Creek	18			7	10		226	14	
Mt. Harmony	6		3	3		1	56	6	
Mt. Zion	23		7	7	15	1	218	6	
Mary's Chapel				1			49	1	
New Light			2		6	3	147		11
Olive Branch	23		3		13		190		
Olive Grove	3		1	3		2	60	3	
Oxford	31		4	25	34	2	217	14	
Peace Chapel	3			6		1	35	8	
Pleasant Grove				1	3		60		2
Poplar Creek				2	8	1	119		7
Providence			13		5	2	107		20
Rock Spring	12	2	1	3		1	42	15	
Roxboro	2			31	2		95	31	
Snow Hill			3				17		3
State Line	8	1	3	6		1	99	11	
Stovall	11	1	1	5	3		106	13	
Tally Ho	4	1		8	2	2	140	11	
Florence Avenue				21			21	21	
Total,	283	18	69	179	177	37	3843	232	67

* Statistics lost.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Associaion shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each Church, whose election shall be certified in their rsspective letters.

ART. 2 The object of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the Churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Department of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3 The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4 The Mo lerator shall preside at the meeting, preserve, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

ART. 5 The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6 The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburbse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.
8. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
9. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
10. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of Consitution and Laws.

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MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

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NAMES.	POST-OFFICES.
Rev. J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers' Store, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. W. R. Cullum,	Creedmoor, N. C.
Rev. R I. Devin,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. F. W. Greer,	Hanford, Va.
Rev. J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. T. J. Horner,	Henderson, N. C
Rev K. C. Horner,	Horner's, N. C
Rev. C. A. Jenkens,	Oxford, N. C
Rev. J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. E. J. Montague,	Allensville, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. G. T. Watkins,	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Wheelous,	Grissom N. C.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. J. C. Blalock,	Berea, N. C.
Rev. C. L. Ball,	Dabney, N. C.
Rev. T. J. Hudson,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. T. B. Hill,	Blue Wing, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

ISLAND CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH,
Vance County, N. C., Aug. 16, 1892.

The Flat River Baptist Association meets in its ninety-ninth annual session with Island Creek Baptist church.

The introductory sermon is preached by Rev. J. H. Lambeth, from I Tim. III, 15: "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

In the absence of the Moderator, T. H. Street, the Association is called to order by the Clerk and religious exercises are conducted by Rev. C. Durham. The Clerk reads a letter from Bro. Street, stating his inability to attend the Association, after which, by motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Bro. A. C. Parham is chosen Moderator pro tem.

Moderator appoints Bretheren H. M. Shaw and J. W. Noell Reading Clerks.

The roll of churches being called the following are represented, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS CHAPEL: C. S. Chandler, A. H. Garner*, J. W. Downey.
ANTIOCH: H. H. Nichols, R. F. Trimb, C. H. Tapp.
BETHANY: W. A. Malone, J. T. Newton.
BETHEL: T. D. Woody, S. P. Gentry, J. D. Brooks.
CONCORD: James Cash, S. T Lyon*, W. J. Coley*.
CORINTH: Luther Hays*, M. J. McGhee, W. F. Currin*.
ENON: J. M Phipps, J. F. Currin, E. K. Howard*.
FELLOWSHIP: D. F. Lawrence*, S. H. Currin*, Junius Buck*.
FLAT RIVER UNION: M. W. Veasey, S. W. Waller, P. Tilley*.
FLORENCE AVENUE: Rufus Amis, T B. Hill, J. J. Gillis.
GRASSY CREEK: L. A. Royster, Robt. Davis, J. W. Winston.
HESTERS: Fielding Knott*, J. M. Hobgood*, L. G. Frazier.
ISLAND CREEK: D. W. Knott, R. A. Evens, H. S. Lemay.
MILL CREEK: R. W. Pugh*, W. M. Wrenn, H. M. Gillis.
MOUNTAIN CREEK: S. R. Parham, David Frazier, W. T. Blacknall.
MT. HARMONY: D. W. Knott, S. E. Peed, L. Vaughn.
MT. ZION: B. D. Howard, J. F. Meadows*, Sol. OBriant*.
MARY'S CHAPEL: J. Z. Allen, J. W. Wheelrous*.
NEW LIGHT: D. Peed*, L. A. Wilson*, D. G. Mangum*.
OXFORD: H. M. Shaw, J. V. Rice, F. P. Hobgood.
OLIVE BRANCH: E. V. Ramsey*, E. D. Jones, E. Y. Pool.
OLIVE GROVE: E. M. Perry*, T. A Sheron, Alfred Kieth*.
PLEASANT GROVE: W. A. Hester, J. T. Rogers, M. F. Adcock*.

Peace Chapel : N. B. Dickerson, J. C. Wilson, H. F. Jeffress.
Poplar Creek : A. J. Wright, A. C. Parham, O. H. Parham.
Providence : J. H. Yarborough*, H. J. Whitt*, B. L. Gravitt*.
Roxboro : J. W. Noell, J J. Street, S. A. Clayton.
Rock Springs : J. P. Harris, L. D. Lloyd, J. R. Turner.
State Line : J. C. Huff, Hubert Gordon, T. A. Royster.
Stovall : John L. Clark, B. T. Hicks, W. H. Cutts.
Snow Hill :
Tally Ho : S. P. Washington*, W. T. Hunt*, W. B. Cash.

[Those who were not present at any time during the session are marked—*]

The Moderator having announced the election of officers, by motion of F. P. Hobgood, C. A. Jenkens cast the ballot of the Association for A. C. Parham as Moderator and J. G. Blalock as Clerk.

On motion of R. Amis, B. D. Howard cast the associational ballot for J. S. Royster as Treasurer.

The following visiting bretheren report during the session and are welcome to our midst: Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., of the Tar River Association, Bro. J. C. Caddell, Associate Editor of the Biblical Recorder, Rev. R. VanDeventer of the Tar River Association, Rev. C. Durham, D. D., Cor. Sec. of the State Mission Board, Rev. A. G. McManaway, Editor of the North Carolina Baptist, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Cor. Sec. of the Education Board, Rev C. E. Taylor, D. D., President Wake Forest College.

By motion of B. D. Howard, a special committee is appointed on Associational Schools.

Moderator appoints F. P. Hobgood and J. S. Hardaway as a committee on programme.

R. H. Marsh reads the following report which is adopted.

Your committee to raise funds in behalf of Rev. E. F. Beachum begs leave to submit the following report, viz :

Received of Mountain Creek	$13.00	
Poplar Creek	8.01	
Island Creek	6.08	
Rock Spring	6.40	
Flat River Union	2.00	
Enon	8.01	
Amis Chapel	8.27	
I. N. Day	5.00	
Stovall	5.00	
Mount Zion	5.25	
Concord	9.20	
Grassy Creek	1.75	
Corinth	4.50	
Total	$82.47	
Paid Rev. E. F. Beachum, as per receipt		$82.15
Paid P. O. Order expenses		.32
		$82.47

R. H. Marsh, Com.

The committee on programme submits a report which is adopted.

The Moderator announces the following committees.

Periodicals: J. A. Stradley, B. D. Howard, J. F. Currin.
State Missions: C. A. Jenkens, H. M. Shaw, L. G. Frazier.
Education: J. S. Hardaway, R. Davis, J. S. Clark.
Home Mission: J. H. Lambeth, B. F. Hicks, A. G. Wright.
Foreign Missions: J. A. Beam, L. Thomas, W. A. Malone.
Baptist Orphanage: J. W. Nowell, J. M. Phipps, J. V. Rice.
Sunday Schools: G. T. Watkins, W. B. Cash, W. H. Cutts.
Temperance: R. Amis, H. N. Nichols, T. D. Woody.
Place and Preacher: D. W. Knott, C. M. Perry, S. W. Waller.
Associational Schools: B. D. Howard, L. A. Royster, H. M. Gillis.

J. D. Hufham presents the claims of Tarboro Baptist church for help in paying for their church lot.

The committee on periodicals submits the following report, which after being discussed by bretheren, W. A. Malone, J. A. Stradley, J. D. Hufham, J. C. Caddell, A. G. McManaway, is adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS:

"We most cordially recommend the Biblical Recorder as the organ of the Baptist churches of North Carolina. Let every Baptist family subscribe. We recommend also the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and Charity and Children, published at Thomasville, N. C."

J. A. STRADLEY,
B. D. HOWARD,
J. F. CURRIN,
} Committee.

After prayer by G. T. Watkins, the Association adjourns to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock, a. m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association convenes at the appointed time and the devotional exercises are conducted by W. R. Gwaltney.

The records of the preceeding day are read and approved.

By motion of R. H. Marsh, the Association request R. I. Devin to preach or deliver an address on the History of the Flat River Association at its next session.

The hour for the consideration of State Missions having arrived, C. A. Jenkens reads the following report, which after being discussed by C. Durham, is adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission work forms the basis of all our missions. As the denomination exerts its energies at home, its power is felt abroad. Many of the most important points in the state have been saved to the Baptist by the aid of this Board, and perhaps in no department of our work has God bestowed more signal blessing. And yet there is wide spread destitution in North Carolina. In some counties the voice of a Baptist preacher is seldom heard, in many communities, never. There are 100 missionaries employed by the Board in 34 out of the 40 associations connected with the convention, working on a financial basis of $17000.00, of which $2000.00 have been carrid over from last

year. 14 houses of worship have been completed this year, and 47 are in course of erection, ranging in cost from $1000.00 to $3000.00.

Great has been our success, greater is our responsibility. The dignity of the work, the cross of a bleeding Savior, and the glory of God demand increased interest and increased contributions in behalf of our State Mission work. Let no child of God be content until every town, every valley and every hill-top from the seashore to the mountains is brought under the influence of Baptsit teaching, and North Carolina is a trophy of the cross.

C. A. JENKENS.

By motion the Association moves to the stand for the purpose of holding the centennial services.

The report on Home Missions is called for and J. H. Lambeth submits the following.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

It is with gratitude to God and praise to the faithful missionaries on our fields of labor, that we make mention of great progress in the Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. The last decade of this phrase of our mission work shows, as no other period, the divine power of Him who said. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The contributions, though not what they should have been, have been increasing until the waste places of our southern zion are being built up.

The number of heralds of the cross under the direction of the Home Board has been increasing until the last report at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Ga. shows that there are now 365 missionaries in the employment of the Home Board. As the result of this increase in contributions and missionaries, under the faithful direction of those who have this work in charge, in answer to our prayers, under the guiding hand of our Savior who said; Go and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world; there has been a corresponding increase in the number of baptisms and additions to the churches and missions in the Southern Baptist Convention.

With these facts before us and the Macedonion cry coming from so many parts of the country for help, let us continue to pray, contribute and look to the Great Head of the church until every section of our South land and Cuba shall have the gospel.

Submitted,

J. H. LAMBETH,
A. J. WRIGHT, Committee.
B. F. HICKS,

By motion of J. A. Stradley the report on Foreign Missions is also taken up and Home and Foreign Missions are discussed under the general head of missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report from our Board of Foreign Missions, Richmond, Va., shows that Southern Baptists have 84 missionaries at work in the foreign field; engaged in China, Japan, Africa Italy, Brazil and Mexico. In these fields there are 74 churches with a membership of 2.723. Into the fellowship of these churches 434 members were baptized last year. The contributions of the native members of these churches were $356.09 for the last year. Of the 84 missionaries now laboring in foreign lands North Carolinia Baptists have sent out 17, all of whom are now vigorously prosecuting their high and holy work, it is gratifying to know that the Baptists of the state in the matter of contributions, are in advance of their gifts of the same period last year.

This is the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of Foreign Missions among the Baptist of England. In Oct. 1792, the Baptist Missionay Society was organized and in June of the following year William Carry and Dr. Thomas went out as missionaries to India. There they were alone in the vast field to which they went, while at home christians of almost every name regarded their enterprise not only as wild but also unscriptural. Now they are following in the footsteps of these men and in every land under the sun heralds of the cross are proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ.

It is proposed to celebrate the centinnial of missions by enlarged contributions. Your committee would call attention to this movement with the conviction that the members of your body will take part in it and will continue to stand by the Board in all its labors.

J. A. BEAM, Chairman.

The reports are discussed by A. G. McManaway, C. Durham and R. Van Deventer, after which Association adjourns for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing, Association is called to order by the Moderator and led in prayer by R. Van Deventer.

By permmission of Moderator, R. Amis present the claims of Florence Avenue Baptist church.

By motion the Association moves to the house.

The reports on Home and Foreign Missions are respectfully taken up and adopted.

The order of business is suspended and J. S. Hardaway reads the following report on Education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Perhaps along no line have Baptists made greater progress than along the line of education. Nor has there been in any State more rapid advance in the work of education than in the State of North Carolina.

Today we feel proud of Wake Forrest College—and congratulate ourselves on the admiral work it has done, is doing-and rejoice in the prospect of the wonderful it has yet before it.

The Board of Education is aiding large numbers of young men, who are called to preach the gospel and its work might be indefinitely enlarged if it had the means necessary.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is the great Theological School of the Baptists of the South. Our ministers should by all means take a course in Theology there if possible.

J. S. HARDAWAY
R. DAVIS
I. L. CLARK
} Committee.

The report being discussed by W. R. Gwaltney, C. E. Taylor, R. H. Marsh and J. D. Hufham, is adopted. The report on Associational Schools is read and made a special order for Thursday,9.30 o'clock A. M.

By motion of J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Stradley is appointed a committee of one to prepare a suitable memorial of the life of the Rev. E. F. Beacham, to be spread upon the minuets of the Association.

The Moderator makes the following appointments: Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention,J. S. Hardaway. Delegates to the State Convention; C. A. Jenkens, J. W. Noell, J. F. Currin.

After prayer by J. A. Beam, the Association adjourns till Thursday morning 9.30 o'clock.

THURDAY MORNING.

The Moderator calls the Association to order and after prayer by J. M. Phipps, the proceedings of the previous day are read and approved.

The roll of the delegates is next called and the absentees noted.

J. S. Hardaway moves that preaching at the stand be dispensed with for the morning that all may hear the discussions, which motion is carried.

The special order, Associational Schools is next taken up and discussee by C. A. Jenkens, J. S. Hardaway, F. P. Hobgood, R. H. Marsh and J. H. Lambeth. The time alloted to the discussion having expired is extended in order to hear from J. A. Beam, after which the report is adopted.

Report on Associational Schools.

OXFORD FEMALE SEMINARY.

Most of the time for forty-two years Baptist have had in Oxford a school of high grade for girls. The first President was Rev. Samuel Wait, D. D. The school has continued till the present time, growing in influence and popualarity as the years go by.

The buildings are commodious and well arranged. The site is an exceedingly beautiful one, the grounds being richly and tastefully arranged.

The corps of teachers and officers consisting of ten, have been selected with great care; and your committee think they are hozarding nothing in saying that in their opinion they are the equal of any other corps in the State.

The religions influences are all that can be desired. Besides the advantages of the Sunday School and worship at the Baptist Church every Sunday, the effort is made in the Seminary itself in every possible way to prepare the student for faithfully performing all the duties of life.

BETHEL INSTITUTE.

We have in our borders Bethel Institute, Bethel Hill, Person, Co, N. C. This is a male and female school under the management of Rev. J. A. Beam. The academy was built and supported by the association for many years. The school had been suspended a few years when Bro. Beam opened the school there about five years ago. Since that time the school has continued to grow each year numbering between seventy-five and one hundred pupils. Last session numbered 25 or 30 young men and about 25 young ladies.

There were ten young men preparing themselves for the ministry.

The Principal labors to cultivate the heart as well as the mind. This school is owned and run entirely by Baptists. all the teachers employed being Baptist.

We,your committee, earnestly advise parants to educate their children, and commend to them these schools.

B. D. HOWARD
L. A. ROYSTER } Committee
H. M. GILLIS

By motion of R. H. Marsh the Association adjourns to the stand to hear preaching.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator and led in prayer by J. S. Hardaway.

The committee on Place and Preacher submits a report which is amended and adopted as follows.

REPORT ON PREACHER AND PLACE.

Your committee recommend the next session of the Flat River Association be held with Mt. Zion church, Granville Co., N. C., on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1893.

The Introductory sermon ro be preached by Rev. R. I. Devin; Alternate, Rev. J. S. Hardaway.

S. W. WALLER, D. W. KNOTT } Committee

The report on the Orphange is taken up and after being discussed by R. H. Marsh, F. P. Hobgood, C. A. Jenkens and J. A. Stradley is adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your committee on Orphanage respectfully submits the following.

We realize the necessity for maintaing and fostering this institution, and recognizing the gloomy prospects, financially, of our people, we most earnestly ask that our churches and Sunday Schools make unusual efforts the coming year so that the contributions from our Association shall continue to grow, that many helpless children who are begging for admitance may be cared for.

We would suggest to the Sunday Schools that they give one collection each month to the Orphange, and put a copy of Charity and Children in every household as far as posible.

J. W. NOELL, J. M. PHIPPS } Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools is called for send G. T. Watkins reads the following.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We hail with delight the great amount of good that has been and is being done by the Sunday School work, but believe we are receiving only the drops of a possible shower, should each christian do his duty.

We, therefore, recommend that every member of the church accept this God-given field of christian development, and by it not only win stars for his crown, but lead the lost to a risen Savior. We belive the time to train the heart for Christ and in doctrine is in childhood. Then let each church aid in this work tnrough the Sunday School We further cheerfully and heartily recommend to our Sunday Schools the Southern Series of Literature and that of the Baptist Publican Society.

Respectfully submitted.

G. T. WATKINS, W. B. CASH, W. B. CUTTS } Committee

The report after being discussed by J. A. Stradley and J. S. Hardaway is adopted.

The report on Temperance is read and being slightly amended is adopted after remarks by J. A. Stradley.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a high christian virtue being classed by the great apostle of the Gentiles with peace, long suffering, gentleness goodness, faithand meekness, as the opposite of drunkness, reveling, strife, etc. It is the fruit of love and should be cultivated by all christians as one of the means of grace.

The practice of any of our church members in visiting bar-rooms and saloons and other public places to indulge the appetite for strong drink is not only lamentable and humiliating to all true christians, but in the hightest degree detrimental to the cause of religion and should, in every legitimate way, be discountenanced and discouraged by all who love and honor the Savior of mankind.

RUFUS AMIS, H. H. NICHOLS, T. D. WOODY } Committee

The Treasure submitts a report which is adopted [See the report among the tables.]

By motion of F. P. Hobgood the clerk is allowed $1500 for his servises the remainder of the minute money to be expended in p inting minutes. R H Marsh moves that the Treasurer be requsted to pay out the money on hand according to the wishes of the several churches, which motion is carried.

By motion of J A Beam, J S Hardaway and J H Lambeth are appointed a committee of two to arrange time place, and programme for two Fifth sunday meetings during the ensuing associational year.

By motion of J W Noell the Association extend a rising vote of thanks to the members of Island Creek church and the citizens of the community for their elegant hospitality during its present session.

J H Lambeth moves that we express as the sense of this Association, that at its next session we have no stand for preaching and no preaching except the Introductory Sermon, which motion was carried.

There being no other businesss the Association, after prayer by S H Lambeth and singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again" adjourns to meet with Mt Zion church, Granville, Co., N C Tuesday after the Second Sunday in August 1893.

A C PARHAM, Moderator

JOSEPH G. BLALOCK, Clerk

STATISTIC TABLE.

CHURCH STATISTICS										SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS							
CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Restored.	Received by Letter.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Total Membership.	Gain.	Loss.	SUPERINTENDENT,	POST-OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Average Attendance	Months.	Collections.
Amis Chapel	...	2	....	5	7	1	162	...	11	R. W. Downey	Buchanan	10	40	50	35	8	8.00
Antioch	1	..	1	3	6	1	70	...	8	C. H. Tapp	Al	7	52	59	25	1	6.00
Bethany	9	..	3	..	..	2	58	10	..	W. H. Copley	Hampton	6	40	46	24	..	.....
Bethel	16	2	1	3	14	3	135	...	1	G. E. Woody	Bethel Hill	8	32	40	40	12	7.40
Concord	25	..	5	1	3	1	130	25	..	Ralph Currin	Wilkins	7	35	42	30	12	10.00
Corinth	33	1	....	7	5	1	....	11	..	D. W. Eakes	Clay	7	60	67	25	6	.....
Enon	17	2	4	..	1	1	....	21	..	P. H. Royster	Oxford	6	65	71	52	12	24.92
Fellowship	11	2	2	..	1	2	97	12	..	.....	.....	..	...	...	..	..	.....
Flat River Union	8	2	2	2	11	1	143	...	2	S. W. Waller	Knap of Reeds	6	...	...	35	12	.....
Florence Avenue	14	3	9	..	..	..	47	26	..	T. S. Wilkinson	Blue Wing	6	30	36	20	9	.....
Grassy Creek	27	2	....	1	10	4	212	14	..	L. A. Royster	Adonram	..	...	...	..	..	.....
Hester's	16	4	6	8	14	4	209	...	..	R. D. Brooks	Oxford	8	50	58	48	12	27.46
Island Creek	...	2	2	..	18	1	219	...	15	S. B. Sneed	Williamsboro	25	165	190	140	12	.....
Mary's Chapel	..	..	....	2	6	1	41	...	10	G. W. Wheelous	Grissom	4	45	49	35	10	.....
Mountain Creek	24	9	11	10	14	3	243	17	..	W. S. Eakes	Whetstone	8	60	68	50	12	7.77
Mount Harmony	...	..	....	1	..	1	57	...	2	Amos Currin	Berea	6	30	36	25	12	2.50
Mount Zion	3	8	.....	2	6	..	222	3	..	J. J. Meadows	Berea	7	100	107	75	12	60.00
New Light	3	1	1	1	4	2	139	...	2	.....	.....	..	...	...	..	..	.....
Olive Branch	14	1	5	3	10	1	140	6	..	E. D. Jones	Virgilina, Va	6	60	66	65	12	27.60
Olive Grove	3	..	4	..	2	..	65	5	..	.....	.....	..	...	...	..	..	.....
Oxford	31	1	10	1	13	1	244	21	..	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	18	180	198	100	12	109.35
Peace Chapel	2	..	....	..	2	..	55	..	..	.....	.....	..	...	...	..	..	.....
Pleasant Grove	20	5	11	1	11	..	79	24	..	S. J. Rogers	Mount Energy	10	35	45	35	..	.....
Poplar Creek	25	1	1	1	1	1	142	24	..	A. C. Parham	Oxford	8	33	41	33	12	17.57
Providence	7	1	....	1	..	2	103	...	3	J. H. Penticost	Roxboro	7	74	81	50	12	.....
Rock Spring	12	..	9	3	6	..	53	12	..	C. Gordon	Woodsworth	8	60	68	27	10	17.00
Roxboro	2	..	13	..	12	..	95	3	..	T. H. Street	Roxboro	9	73	82	44	12	47.21
Snow Hill	...	..	....	..	..	..	....	...	..	.....	.....	..	...	...	..	..	.....
State Line	...	1	6	4	1	2	97	...	..	W. S. Gordon	Soudan, Va	10	57	67	30	12	8.30
Stovall	27	2	6	1	7	1	132	26	..	J. S. Royster	Stovall	7	76	83	..	12	10.13
Tally Ho	31	..	2	2	4	..	173	27	..	S. T. Washington	Stem	8	40	48	30	9	.....
Mill Creek	...	5	4	4	8	1	159	...	4	J. L. Gentry	Allensville	7	43	50	30	12	10.00
Total	371	57	118	..	75	39	3581	293	57	.....	.....	....	...	...	....	..	.....

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Contingent Fund.	EDUCATION.		FOR'N MISS'NS		HOME MISS'NS		ORPHANAGE.		STATE MISS'NS		Poor.	Pastor's Salary	Church Exp'n's	Other Expenses
		Forwarded	Received.	Forwarded	Received.	Forwarded	Received.	Forwarded	Received.	Forwarded	Received.				
Amis Chapel.	1.50	12.48	....	21 70	.....	10.82	.....	6.78	.....	10.50	.....	8.77	200.00	58.00	
Antioch	1.50	13.85	....	12.75	4.45	11.50	.....	15.75	.....	10.05	.....	11.00	150.00	10.50	
Bethel..... ...	1.50	159.50	....	48.70	.50	27.31	.....	14.25	6.75	.....	13.13	.....	200.00	47.15	
Bethany..	1.00	2 60	....	....	1.55	.....	1.75	.....	2.42	2.25	....	.....	125.00	24.75	
Corinth	1.50	....	....	14.29	.....	3.90	.....	2.00	.....	....	....	13.80	125.00	19.06	7.50
Concord.....	1.50	....	....	18.95	.....	7.83	.....	16.85	.....	....	....	....	150.00	.....	
Enon	.70	....	8.00	.....	21.09	....	14.00	.....	15.05	....	12.90	....	250 00	104.63	
" S. S....	....	....	....	12.00	8.61	....	.....	3.53	.39	....	.....	....	.....	500.00	
Florence Ave.	2.00	..	....	.....	6.99	....	6.99	.....	.....	....	.....	....	125.00	.....	
F. R. Union..	.65	9.01	....	12.30	.....	5.65	.....	20.50	.....	....	8.23	....	150 00	80.00	10.50
Fellowship. ..	1.50	....	...	....	5.50	.....	5.50	....	.....	....	6.00	7.00	100.00	35.86	
Grassy Cr'k...	1.25	7.00	....	....	6.70	4.00	.....	2.50	5.00	6.00	.....	1.50	200.00	.....	15.00
" S. S	....	....	....	....	3.19	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	
Hester's.....	1.55	....	5.25	....	17.85	....	7.87	.....	4.90	.....	11.28	10.00	200.00	.....	16.00
" S. S.	....	....	....	22.46	5.00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38.00	9.50
Island Cr'k...	2.00	9.60	....	82.88	....	10.65	.....	.....	.....	29.30	.....	15.00	200.00	.....	
" S S.	....	....	....	.. .	....	.....	.....	9.73	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	
Mary's Chapel	.50	....	....	....	....	.....	.75	....	.58	.....	.75	....	.....	20.00	
M't'n Creek...	1.50	....	....	41.91	....	14.37	....	....	.....	16.45	....	21.90	250.00	.....	
" S S.	....	...	....	5.00	....	.....	....	...	2.77	....	....	....	.....	.....	
Mt. Harmony.	.50	....	....	3.00	....	3.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	45.00	

Mt. Zion. ...	1.35	.....	23.00	.....	32.90	22.68	.....	.....	11.50	.....	23.25	20.50	275.00	19.30	
" S S.	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	34.99	25.01	....	.....	....	....	....	....	
Slaughter F'd.	....	.....	.....	124.56	....	....	....	....	....	124.55	....	. .	....	....	
Mill Creek...	1.50	5.60	5.60	8.67	....	8.67	....	....	....	12.50	....	....	175.	30.	
New Light...	1.00	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Olive Branch.	1.50	.....	11.00	15.00	....	...	11.	....	11.16	16.50	....	....	....	....	
Olive Grove..	1.00	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.50	....	.75	....	.75	.. :	50.	....	
Oxford.....	2.50	15.00	.....	60.07	..	26.62	....	40.	....	15.45	....	27.72	1200.	380.	3206.66
" W.M.S.	....	.....	.....	47.36	....	6.48	....	....	....	11.18	....	....	....	....	
" S. S..	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	3.27	....	....	....	....	....	....	90.07
Providence ..	1.25	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	125.	11.25	
Pleas't Grove.	1.50	.....	.....	....	5.	....	5.	....	4.	....	5.	....	....	....	
Peace Chapel.	1.00	.....	.....	....	.....	3.25	1.	....	...	....	....	....	65.	10.	
Poplar Cr'k...	1.20	.....	6.60	....	13.30	....	7.	5.	18.25	....	14.60	....	....	....	40.01
" S S.	....	.....	....	....	6.28	....	....	5.	....	....	6.29	....	200.	....	
Rock Spr'g...	1.00	10.20	....	25.00	....	3.40	...	3.40	....	10.73	....	6.40	....	40.50	
" S S.	....	.... .	....	.75	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60.	....	
Roxboro.	2.00	37.40	....	57.16	...	25.	....	....	35.85	42 45	....	5.25	....	....	28.13
" L. A.S	...	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7.50	....	....	....	400.	....	
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State Line. ..	2.00	5.90	....	5.95	....	4.02	....	....	....	7.45	....	....	....	102.97	
" S S.	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	8.30	....	....	. ..	....	150.	....	
Stovall.....	1.50	5.00	....	30.	....	5.	....	6.31	....	8.53	....	14.72	....	47.85	
Tally Ho... .	1.20	.....	2 00	....	2.20	...	2.25	....	1.85	....	....	24.19	150.	55.	
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Total....		293.14	61.45	670.46	140.48	204.15	98.60	188.18	130.74	338.16	102.18				

PASTORS, CLERKS, POST-OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. W. Downey	Buchanan	First Sunday and Saturday before
Antioch	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	H. H. Nichols	Mount Tirzah	Second " " "
Bethany	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	B. V. Riggs	Moriah	" " " "
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	Third " " "
Concord	W. R. Cullum	Creedmoor	J. D. Clark	Lyons	Second " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	A. A. Overton	Clay	Second " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	F. Y. Currin	Oxford	Fourth " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	T. H. Perry	Beck	Third " " "
Flat River Union	W. R. Cullum	Creedmoor	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds	Fourth " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram	Fourth " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	N. J. Puckett	Satterwhite	Second " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	Third " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	J. T. Gentry	Allensville	Fourth " " "
Mountain Creek	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	J. S. Eakes	Whetstone	Third " " "
Mount Harmony	J. J. Lansdell	Roxboro	T. K. Jones	Surl	Fourth " " "
Mount Zion	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	E. A. Howard	Hargrove	First " " "
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	Third " " "
New Light	Jodoe Wheelous	Grissom	W. D. Peed	Rogers' Jtore	Second " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	E. G. Currin	Oxford	Every Sunday, morning and night
Olive Branch	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock	Sec'd Sunday and Saturday before
Olive Grove	J. W. Wheelous	Grissom	E. A. Perry	Rogers' Store	Third " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	W. D. Hester	Hester's	First " " "
Peace Chapel	K. C. Horner	Horner's	H. F. Jeffress	Kittrell	Fourth " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Carlton	First " " "
Providence	J. J. Lansdell	Roxboro	H. J. Whitt	Roxboro	First " " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lambeth	Roxboro	R. H. Dowdy	Roxboro	Second and fourth Sundays.
Rock Spring	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. R. Turner	Townesville	Fo'th Sunday and Saturday before
State Line	T. W. Greer	Hanford, Va	T. A. Royster	Bullock	First " " "
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. S. Royster	Stovall	Second " " "
Snow Hill	J. E. Montague	Allensville			Every Sunday.
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	T. J. Smith	Stem	Third " " "
Florence Avenue	Thomas W. Greer.	Hanford, Va	William D. Amis.	Virgilina, Va	Fourth " " "

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each Church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the Churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Department of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballott at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.
8. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
9. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
10. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of Constitution and Laws.

REV. E. F. BEACHUM.

Your committee appointed to prepare an Obituary notice of Bro. Beachum, feels that nothing better can be done than to present the following from the "North Carolina Baptist Almanac:"

Died, in Franklin Co.,N.C. Sept, 13th,1891,Rev. E. F. Beachum, aged about seventy-two years. Bro. Beachum was a native of Camden Co., N. C.; was educated at Wake Forest College, and first served as pastor in Chatham County, N. C., at May's Chapel. After two or three years of faithful and most acceptable labor, he removed to Granville Co. in 1859, and became pastor of Oxford and Tab's Creek churches for three or four years. Afterwards he removed to the country and for many years was the beloved pastor of many prominent churches in the Flat River Association. During his ministry he resided for a few years in Franklin Co., but preached mostly to Granville churches. The best part of his life and work was spent in the Flat River Association, where he was greatly honored and beloved.

After graduation he married Miss Sallie Cook, of Franklin Co., who with three daughters survive him.

He was buried in the family burying ground on the Raleigh & Gaston R. R., about one mile south of Tar River Bridge, under a large sugar maple, a most suitable resting place for one who well merited by his gentleness and amiability the honored name of "The beloved disciple."

He was in death perfectly conscious, and the victory was so triumphant that those around him thought and said; "If this is death, why should we dread to die?"

Thus has passed away a devoted husband and father,a brother of singular goodness, and great usefulness, and a servaut of the Master who was pure and faithful in life, and triumphant in death.

By request, the sincere thanks of the family are hereby offered the friends of the deceased for many acts of kindness."

J. A. STRADLEY, Com.

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PROCEEDINGS

Impt.

—OF THE—

ONE-HUNDREDTH SESSION

—OF THE—

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Zion Church, Granville County, N. C.

August 15th, 16th and 17th, 1893.

A. C. PARHAM, MODERATOR, - - Oxford, N. C.
J. G. BLALOCK, CLERK, - - CULBRETH, N. C.
H. M. SHAW, TREASURER, - - - OXFORD, N. C.

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MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

Names.	*Post Offices.*	
Rev. J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers Store,	N. C.
" J. A. Beam,	Bethell Hill,	"
" J. G. Blalock,	Culbreth,	"
" R. I. Devin,	Oxford,	"
" F. W. Green,	Hanford,	Va.
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford,	N. C.
" T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	"
" K. C. Horner,	Horner's,	"
" C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford,	"
" J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro,	"
" R. H. Marsh, D. D.,	Oxford,	"
" E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	"
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	"
" G. T. Watkins,	Roxboro,	"
" W. F. Watson,	Roxboro,	"
" J. W. Wheelous,	Grissom,	"
" A. A. Butler,	Durham,	"
" C. R. Hairfield,	Graystone,	Va.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. C. T. Ball,	Dabney,	N. C.
" T. J. Hudson,	Bethel Hill,	"
" T. B. Hill,	Blue Wing,	"
" W. P. Davis,	Wake Forest,	"
" E. Y. Pool,	Bethel Hill,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, GRANVILLE COUNTY.

August 15th, 1893.

The Flat River Association meets in its one hundredth annual session with Mt. Zion Baptist church. The Centennial Address is delivered by Rev. R. I. Devin.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The moderator, A. C. Parham, calls the association to order, and after reading, prayer is offered by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney. The moderator appointed Bretheren H. M. Shaw and J. W. Noell reading clerks, after which the roll of churches is called, their letters read, and delegates duly enrolled, viz:

Amis Chapel—W. T. Chandler, J. W. Chandler, R. W. Downey.
Antioch—G. W. Denny, W. W. Jordan, S. B. Trimmer.
Bethany—James Copley, B. V. Riggs, R. J. Day.
Bethel—G. D. Neal, S. P. Gentry, George E. Woody.
Concord—S. F. Lyon, *Ralph Currin, W. H. Waller.
Corinth—E. T. Pittard, S. W. Knott, J. B. Elliott.
Enon—B. F. Hester, J. S. Hobgood, P. H. Royster.
Fellowship—J. R. O'Briant, *S. H. Currin, *T. D. Cannady.
F. R. Union—E. H. Veazy, M. W. B. Veazy, Charlie Wheler.
Florence Avenue—Rufus Amis, *J. J. Drumwright, *J. J. Gillis.
Grassy Creek—B. T. Winston, *J. M. Pittard, C. B. Wilkinson.

Those marked thus * were not present during the association.

Hester's—W. J. Royster, S. R. Pucket, S. R. Howard.
Island Creek—D. L. Woody, R. A. Norwood, P. T. Sneed.
Mill Creek—R. W. Pugh, L. B. Chandler, W. T. Whitt.
Mountain Creek—W. W. Hart, R. W. Adcock, Ben. Knott.
Mt. Harmony—Amos Currin, Simeon Bumpass, D. W. Knott.
Mt. Zion—I. N. Day, A. D. Frazier, P. Meadows.
Mary's Chapel—*J. W. Wheelous, J. G. Allen, *G. W. Wheelous.
New Light—*A. B. Lassiter, L. A. Wilson, *A. D. Nichols.
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, E. T. Rawlins, B. S. Royster.
Olive Branch—E. Y. Pool, J. P. Stovall, T. N. Oakley.
Olive Grove—*E. M. Perry, *Alfred Keith, *Thomas Shearon.
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, *S. J. Rogers, M. P. Adcock.
Peace Chapel—J. C. Wilson, J. T. Phelps, *W. B. Dickerson.
Poplar Creek—W. N. Critcher, A. C. Parham, O. H. Parham.
Providence—J. H. Yarborough, B. L. Gravett.
Roxboro—T. H. Street, J. W. Noell, F. L. Woody.
Rock Springs—No letter.
State Line—J. B. V. Tunstall, W. P. Yancey, H. H. Averett.
Stovall—Amos Dean, J. T. C. Norwood, L. G. O'Briant.
Snow Hill—No letter.
Tally Ho—*G. W. Duncan, G. W. Royster, S. N. Longmire.

The moderator having announced the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following are duly elected: A. C. Parham, moderator; J. G. Blalock, clerk, and H. M. Shaw, treasurer.

The following visiting bretheren are recognized and welcomed to our midst: Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Cor. Sec. of the education board; Prof. W. B. Royall, D. D., of Wake Forest College; J. C. Cadell, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder; Rev. D. W. Herring, China; Rev. R. T. Bryan, China; Rev. C. Durham, Cor. Sec. of the State mission board; J. H. Mills, Baptist orphanage; R. Van Deventer, of the Tar River Association, and Rev. J. T. Love, of Suffolk, Va.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Programme—J. A. Stradley, T. H. Street; Periodicals—W. F. Watson, W. T. Chandler, W. W. Downey; State Missions—J. A. Beam, W. A. Copley, Geo. Woody; Education—G. T. Watkins, Ralph Currin, J. B. Elliot; Home Missions—T. J. Horner, M. B.

Veazy, R. A. Norwood; Foreign Missions—J. A. Stradley, J. W. Noell, I. M. Day; Orphanage—F. P. Hobgood, W. D. Peed, W. A. Hester; Sunday School—B. S. Royster, R. Amis, L. A. Wilson; Temperance—B. T. Winston, J. P. Stovall, E. M. Perry. Place and Preacher—J. S. Hobgood, W. N. Critcher, W. D. Yancey; Associational Schools—T. H. Street, Amos Dean, G. W. Duncan.

By motion of Bro. Marsh the association decides to appoint an associational executive board and the moderator appoints the following bretheren, F. P. Hopgood, B. F. Hester and Lawson Knott. Bro. J. A. Stradley reads a report on order of business which is adopted. Moderator appoints Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Zion church as a committee on religious exercises. The report on education is called for and Bro. G. T. Watkins reads a report which after being discussed by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Prof. W. B. Royall, Prof. F. P. Hopgood and Rev. J. A. Beam is adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The churches composing the Flat River Association, have great reason to rejoice in having in their midst Oxford Female College, Bethel Hill Institute, at Bethel Hill, N. C., and especially have we ground for rejoicing in our college at Wake Forest, the work of which is so thorough, and which has been so greatly blessed of God. To our own college we recommend our people to send their boys.

The board of education aided thirty-eight young men studying for the ministry at the college last year. As many more asked for help but for want of means it could not be granted. About forty are looking to the board for aid next session, but from the present outlook it would be unwise to promise help to even half that number. No agency of the Baptist State convention has done more to advance the cause of truth and to give prestige to our denomination in the state than the education board.

G. T. WATKINS,
J. B. ELLIOT, } Committee.

The report on periodicals is called for and Bro. W. F. Watson submits the following, which is adopted after being discussed by Brothers W. F. Watson and J. C. Cadell.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

For 60 years the Biblical Recorder has been the authorized organ of the Baptist hosts of North Carolina, and through all the years of its past history it has never rendered more efficient service than during the associational year closing with this session. Your committee would recommend that the association request each pastor within its bounds to use his untiring efforts for its increased circulation, and modestly suggest to the editor that more important matter, to the denomination, fill the space now occupied, frequently, by carping criticism from bretheren of pugilistic tendencies. Charity and Children tells every week of the progress of the orphan work and should find its way into every Baptist family in the State. The pastor who earnestly endeavors to do his duty, finds it difficult to circulate the papers mentioned, as he could desire, for various reasons, and would suggest that for our people, facts relative to Foreign and Home Missions be supplied through the columns of the Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WATSON,
W. T. CHANDLER, } Committee.
G. W. DENNY,

The association adjourns to meet Wednesday at 9:30 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A. M.

After devotional exercises by Rev. T. J. Horner, association met in regular session at 9: 30 o'clock, A. M. Rev. R. H. Marsh moves that the address of Rev. R. I. Devin be published in our minutes, which motion is carried.

The following report on the Orphanage is next read by Prof. F. P. Hobgood:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist of N. C. have, near Thomasville, three hundred and nine acres of land that cost about fifteen dollars per acre. We have buildings worth at least twenty-five thousand dollars. These consist of four dwelling houses, four eating houses, one nursery, one infermary, one building containing offices, one bath-house, besides barns etc.

During the last year one hundred and thirty children were fed, clothed and educated; and their condition is proof that they have been well cared for in every way.

The officers in charge consist of general manager, at the salary of seventy five dollars per month and his board; four teachers at salaries of twenty five dollars per month each, four matrons at salaries of twelve and a half dollars, a foreman of the farm at a salry of fifteen dollars per month and a treasurer, who also edits Charity and Children and teaches at a salary of fifty dollars per month. During the last year the receipts in cash from the state at large for current expenses were about seven thousand dollars of which sum twenty one churches of this association contributed $179.85, eleven of them contributing nothing at all. The last year was a hard one on the orphans, more have needed help than usual, and many are now applying for admission, who have to be refused because of the lack of funds. In view of the unprecedented scarcity of money and of the abundance of provisions of all kinds, the committee recommended to the churches to forward supplies of wheat, corn, meat etc.

F. P. HOPGOOD,
W. D. PEED,
W. A. HESTER, } Committee.

Remarks are made by Bretheren F. P. Hopgood, J. H. Mills and C. Durham. A collection is taken for the orphans amounting to $10.02, after which the report was adopted.

The hour for Foreign Missions having arrived, Rev. J. A. Stradley reads the following report, which after being discussed by Bretheren W. D. Herring, R. L. Bryan, and R. Van Deventer, is adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recognizing the binding force of Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," the Southern Baptist Convention has missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and Japan. In these fields North China has twenty missionaries. The Southern Baptist Convention has in these fields 98 missionaries, 79 native helpers, 75 churches with a membership of 2,923—383 were baptized last year; $5,360 were contributed last year by these christians to religious work in their own lands. Nearly nineteen hundred years ago Christ and his apostles began missionary work. This work was well nigh blotted out by the blighting power of Roman catholicism. But one hundred years ago William Carey, of England, revived this blessed work. Its progress has been very encouraging. In the last 30 years christian converts have increased 1,800 per cent. in China. A continuance of the same increase will in the next 30 years give 90,000,000 of converts there. 50 years ago one room held all the christian converts. Now there are 50,000. 50

years ago the christian world was praying for China to be opened to missionaries, now they are praying for 1,000 more missionaries to enter the open doors. Missions has prospered as much, and even more in other foreign countries.

Our people need to read the Bible, good books, and religious papers in order to learn their duty to this great work. We should support it more heartily by our prayers and contributions. We heartily approve of the judicious and wise manner in which the Foreign Mission Board has managed this great work.

J. A. STRADLEY,
J. W. NOELL, } Committee.
ISAAC N. DAY,

The association adjourns for dinner after which to assemble for preaching by Rev. W. F. Watson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After preaching the report on State Missions is called for and Rev. J. A. Beam reads the following which is adopted after remarks by Rev. C. Durham.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We greatly rejoice over the progress of State Missions in our State. But we are grieved to find that the churches of Flat River Association have fallen back over two hundred dollars, not contributing half as much as they did last year. This should make us blush and stimulate us to nobler work in the future.

The State Mission Board has employed about 100 missionaries this year. This number falls far below the great demand for missionaries in the destitute portions of our State. In fact we feel that we are only playing at state missions when we lift up our eyes and look on the fields, white already to harvest and find the laborers so few.

As your committee we heartily recommend the two resolutions adopted by the Baptist State Convention of 1892, to every member of this association.

Resolved, That State Missions is a work of vital and transcendant importance and should be wisely and vigorously prosecuted by our board until a self-sustaining Baptist church shall be established in easy reach of every person in North Carolina.

Resolved 2nd. That in order to carry out the above resolution as speedily as possible, every association, every church and individual member be urged to aid liberally in this work by their prayers and contributions. May the Lord help us carry out

these resolutions and do our whole duty as followers of our Master.

Respectfully,

J. A. BEAM,
GEO. E. WOODY, } Committee.
W. H. COPLEY,

The report on Associational Schools is called for and in absence of the chairman the report is read by C. A. Jenkins. After discussion by F. P. Hopgood and J. A. Beam is adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOLS.

It is impossible for us to over estimate the value of good schools. And it affords us much pleasure to know that in the bounds of our association we have two schools of high grade, one, Oxford Female Seminary and the other Bethel Hill Institute.

The Seminary for girls, at Oxford enjoyed last year a high degree of prosperity. The number of boarding students was nearly double the number of the previous year. Many valuable improvements has been made since our last session and it seems to be on a new era of prosperity.

Bethel Hill Institute for both sexes is on a prosperous career, as to increase of students and thorough work, and has recently obtained the services, (as an addition to its faculty) Mrs. T. Anna Harrison, one of the best female teachers in the State and we feel safe in recommending either of the above mentioned schools, in fact, we urge upon Baptists to patronize Baptist schools, especially our home schools.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. STREET,
AMOS DEAN, } Committee.
G. W. DUNCAN,

Bev. R. H. Marsh introduces the following resolution and by motion is adopted.

Resolved. That hereafter arrangements for preaching during the session of the association be requested by the churches entertaining the body.

R. H. MARSH.

On motion the association adjourned to meet Thursday 9 :30 A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After devotional exercises by Rev. G. T. Watkins the association is called to order by moderator. Roll of delegates is called and absentees noted. The proceedings of Tuesday and Wed-

nesday are read and approved: By motion all speeches are limited to five minutes for the day. The report on Home Missions not being ready that on Sunday Schools is called for and Bro. R. Amis reads the following which after being discussed by Bretheren R. Amis, J. J. Lansdell, J. A. Beam, J. A. Stradley, G. T. Watkins, D. W. Herring, J. J. Meadows, R. H. Marsh, S. Knott, T. H. Street, J. C. Cadell, B. T. Winston, is adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Experience has established the truth of the saying that "the Sabbath School is the nursery of the church," but for some cause the interest of our church members has seemed to decline in this important branch of christian effort. We note that there are five of the thirty-two churches composing this association, which report no Sabbath Schools, and we reccommend that the bretheren of these churches be encouraged in some way, to organize schools without further delay and that the churches which have schools be urged to more zealously prosecute and enlargen this great foundation work of the churches.

R. AMIS,
B. S. ROYSTER, } Committee.
J. C. WILSON,

The report on Preacher, Time and Place is called for and the following submitted and adopted.

Your committee recommends the next session of the Flat River Association be held with Mountain Creek church, Granville County, N. C., on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1894. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. F. Watson.

J. S. HOPGOOD,
W. N. CRITCHER, } Committee.

By motion of Bro. Marsh Rev. D. W. Herring is requested to preach after the association adjourns. The clerk reads the treasurers report. By motion Bretheren B. D. Howard, T. H. Street and B. T. Winston are appointed as a committee to arrange for the fifth Sunday meetings.

By motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood Rev. R. H. Marsh is requested to prepare and hand to the clerk a report on Home Missions to be bound in the minutes.

HOME MISSIONS

This is a department of the mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board entrusted with it is located at Atlanta, Ga., with Gov. Wm. J. Northern as President, and a vice-president from each of the Southern States. Rev. I. T. Tichenor is Corresponding Secretary.

The number of missionaries employed last year was 368. Of these 20 were located in West North Carolina, the rest in the Southern States, the District of Columbia, Indian Territory and Cuba. The receipts for the year were $106,989.58, of which $29,373.40 were expended in church building. The Woman's Missionary Union conducted by the sisters in our churches contributed to the treasury of our Home Missions during the past year $26,283.97. The work among the colored people is slowly but steadily growing in interest and success. The need of strengthening this part of our work is well set forth in an article from the pen of Rev. J. B. Gambrell, one of the foremost men and ministers of the South. He says:

"Multitudes of peoples speaking strange tongues will flow into this Southland. At first the Nothern man with American ideas will come, but he will be followed by men from every nation under heaven. To prepare for, meet and christianize these millions is the work of the Home Board. Along the mountain fastnesses of the Virginias, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama and the great coming cities of the South the battles are to be fought within a generation which will decide the spiritual destiny of this country a thousand years, as human affairs run. Nor is this the whole of it. The great number and strength of the Baptist of the South, through our Home Board, must be turned on the millions of lost souls in the North who are overbearing our Northern brethren. This is a defensive measure, since these people are to greatly affect our common country.

"There never was a time when we needed broader, deeper, more far-reaching plans fo our Home Board than now."

The report on Temperance is called for and Brother B. T. Winston reads the following which is adopted after discussion by Bretheren B. T. Winston, R. Amis, J. J. Lansdell, P. Meadows, R. H. Marsh, W. F. Watson, J. A. Beam, F. P. Hobgood, S. Knott and J. A. Stradley.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is one of the christian virtues and should be practiced at all times, especially in the use of intoxicating drinks.

It is a lamentable fact that many of our church members frequently visit barrooms and saloons, thereby bringing reproach upon the cause of Christ. Such conduct should be discountenanced, and every effort made by the better class of christians to stop such a practice. Drunkenness is a sin that has given our churches more trouble than any one thing.

B. T. WINSTON,
J. P. STOVALL, } Committee.
E. N. PERRY,

The moderator appoints Rev. W. F. Watson delegate to this Southern Baptist Convention, and as delegates to this State Convention Bretheren J. M. Phipps, G. T. Watkins and Geo. W. Wright. By motion of Prof. F. P. Hopgood the clerk is allowed $15.00 for his service, the remainder of the money to be paid out according to the wish of the several churches. Bro. B. F. Hester moves that we withdraw fellowship from New Light church, which motion is tabled. By motion of Rev. R. H. Marsh, the association extends a rising vote of thanks to the members of Mt. Zion church and citizens of the community for their elegant hospitality.

There being no other business the association, after prayer by Rev. T. J. Horner, adjourns to meet with Mountain Creek church, Granville County, N. C., Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1894.

A. C. PARHAM, MODERATOR.

JOSEPH. G. BLALOCK, CLERK.

CENTENNIAL ADDRESS.

BY REV. R. I. DEVIN.

Inasmuch as the Flat River Association is a lineal descendant of the Roanoke Association, and as it is natural and praiseworthy to desire to know something of our ancestors, it will not, I imagine, be considered inappropriate to call up some interesting facts gathered from Semple's History of Virginia Baptists, which occurred about the time when this Association was organized.

The Roanoke Association was struck off from the Middle District at Mossingford, Charlotte Co., Va., May, 1788.

The Roanoke held its first session at Watkin's meeting house, Halifax Co., Va., October 1788. Its second session was held at Grassy Creek, May 1789. Letters were received from twenty churches, the state of which, with few exceptions, was prosperous; but the state of religion soon became adverse, coldness and declension prevailed for a number of years. From 1790 to 1800, Zion was in a languid condition. The number of baptisms in all the churches (36 in number) was few, 8 one year, 20 another, and so on. It may be profitable for us to pause a moment and inquire into the cause of such sad declension and what measure they adopted to arouse themselves from their lethargy.

1. Inefficiency of the ministry—A number of their watchmen fell, others stumbled, while the most of them departed from the most profitable mode of preaching. They harped on controverted points and opinions, harangued on mysterious subjects and unrevealed points, spiritualizing the scriptures, instead of proclaiming the Gospel in its purity and simplicity. In additon many preachers of influence and ability had moved West and Southwest.

2. Desire for worldly possession and honor.

The result of the Revolutionary war, so salutary upon the outward condition of the Baptists, was unfavorable to piety. The opening of trade and the opportunities for acquiring wealth had the tendency of quenching religious zeal and secularizing the minds of christians. They neglected their church and associational meetings, and general declension prevailed.

What measures did they adopt to promote a spirit of revival?

"Frequent days of fasting and prayer were appointed and observed, through the churches to bewail their declension and strive for a revival. In 1797 they laid off two districts and appointed two ministers and two laymen for each, to travel through the churches, to examine into their state and standing, to stir them up to duty, and inquire if there was not some accursed thing in the camp, that caused the frowns of the Lord upon the armies of Israel. This measure was faithfully executed; and at the next association the church letters expressed great approbation of its beneficial effects. In 1798, a query was sent from one of the churches proposing an examination of the ministers as to the performance of their duties. The examination was agreed to; and each minister rose up in his place and rehearsed his exercises. Some, with great contrition, acknowledged their neglect and promised future diligence. It was a solemn season. This ministerial examination made great changes. It was not a great while after this—the middle of the year 1799—that the dawning of one of the bright days of the son of man appeared." The work of revival spread until hundreds

and thousands of souls were converted and gathered into the churches.

What Dr. Semple said concerning the spiritual condition of the churches composing the Roanoke Association was doubtless, to a very great extent, true in regard to the churches of the Flat River Association, as the latter body was so recently a constituent part of the former and as both bodies were lying so contiguous to each other.

"In 1794, the Roanoke Association met at Catawba, Halifax Co., Virginia. Letters from thirty-six churches were received. The only business transacted at this session worthy of notice was the division of the district. The state line became the boundary between the two districts. The churches in North Carolina were constituted under the name of the Flat River Association." The Roanoke Association at the time of its division contained 3,148 members.

It seems to me, that the above quotation from Semple's History, shows very distinctly that the Flat River Association was virtually organized at Catawba meeting house, Halifax county, Va. It held its first annual session at Gardners meeting house, Warren county, N. C., 1794. The following churches composing the body: Grassy Creek, Tabbs Creek, Shearmans, (now Tar River,) Tanners, Gardners, Eno, Camp Creek, Locks, (Concord,) Cedar Creek, and Neuse (New Light.) I cannot say with certainty that Gardners meeting house was the place where the first annual session of the association was held, but the old records of Grassy Creek church show that delegates were appointed to attend the association, which was to convene with Gardners church in 1794, therefore, by construction, I can, I think, safely say, that the first annual session of the Flat River Association was held at Gardners meeting house, Warren county, N. C., in 1794. The association as then organized, consisting of ten churches, included a considerable area of territory, taking within its bounds the counties of Granville, Warren, Franklin, Wake and Orange, retaining a membership of about eight hundred.

The association moved on peaceably, onjoying a good degree of prosperity for 12 years. The churches had doubled themselves and the membership was probably more than doubled. Their ministers were Thos. Vass, George Roberts, Thos. Gardner, John Sanders, David Lawson, Wm. Bowen, Roland Cooke, Jas. Ferril, Jas. Weathers, Wm. Moore, Richard Martin, Bazillia Graves and others. A number of able and respectable ministers of the gospel and also many efficient laymen were members of the association, but as their biographies have been neglected little can be said of them. One of the most active and successful preachers among them was Elder George Roberts, a native of Va., who after laboring in the ministry a number of years in his native

state moved to N. C. about 1770 and settled in the county of Orange. He frequently acted as moderator of the association. He was a strong man.

In this connection, it would seem to be very appropriate to call up the names of the ministers, not elsewhere mentioned, who labored more or less extensively, at different periods of time, through churches of our association and who have gone in the spirit land to reap their reward. A considerable number of whom were eminent preachers of the gospel. Elders Robt. T. Daniel, Elijah Battle, Wm. B. Worrell, Thos. D. Mason, G. Allen, Thos. Crocker, Robt. McNabb, Josiah Crudup, W. A. Atkinson, Samuel Wait, Wm. H. Jordan, W. M. Wingate, T. W. Walters, Jas. T Purifoy, G. W. Purifoy, E. F. Beacham, Jas. P. Montague, John E. Montague, A. D. Blackwood, Henry Spring, J. H. Layton, Patrick H. Smith, M. D. Freeman, Thos. Young, Conelius F. Humphries and others.

At the session of the Flat River Association which was held at Gardner's meeting house in Warren county, May 1806, some ten churches were dismissed to form the County Line Association. The churches were located in the counties of Orange, Person, Caswell, and Rockingham—occupying a large area.

The Flat River Association, being reduced to 10 churches with between 8 and 9 hundred memmbers, met the first time, after striking off the churches to form the County Line Association, at Tanner's meeting house in Warren county, July 1806.

The following table will show the number of churches and membership remaining after the other churches were dismissed to form the County Line Association.

Grassy Creek, 113; Enoe, 100; Tabb's Creek, 60; Camp Creek, 39; Tar River, 35; Locks (Concord) 33; Tanners, 210; Cedar Creek, 53; Gardners, 90; Neuse (New Light) 98. The association in its early movements held semi annual sessions. They were continued for a number of years, but at length, the bretheren were content to have only one session during the year, which obtains to the present time.

ANTIMISSION TROUBLE.

The churches moved on in great harmony till about the year 1830, when the Baptist denomination began to be more fully awakened to the imperative duty, which was binding on all the followers of Christ, to put forth efforts to spread the gospel over the earth. As the spirit of missions was arousing our people from their dreary slumbers, to take hold of, and engage actively in the great work of evangelization, some four churches, influenced by anti-mission leaders, split asunder. The majority of

these churches turned in bitter hostility against the cause of missions and fought vigorously every enterprise in which christians were engaged to carry out the great mission of the Savior to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. After wrangling for a time they fell into the ranks of the anti-missionaries, and the churches of Flat River Association were left to go forward in peace and harmony.

The churches which went off with the anti-missionaries, were Tar River, Camp Creek, Eno and Cedar Creek. A number of the bretheren and sisters, belonging to those churches embracing the cause of missions were excommunicated, These outcasts for the gospel's sake were afterward at several points, gathered and organized into Missionary Baptist churches—Mt. Zion, Flat River Union, and probably other churches, which was so disastrious to our common zion in various sections of the land.

THE CHURCH ETC.

In 1846, nearly fifty years ago, the association embraced 18 churches, containing 2350 members. Probably of this number, about one third were colored, and if so, then the white membership was between 1,500 and 1,800. At that time, six churches were destitute of pastors. Two of the churches have since become extinct. Four of the churches were dismissed to ioin other associations—leaving only twelve of the old stock standing. Fifteen new churches organized since 1864 and one old one have been added to the association, making the present number of churches 28, with a membership aggregating (all white or nearly so) 3,248.

MINISTRY.

When I came into the association in 1846, 47 years ago, there were only four ordained ministers actively engaged in the work of preaching the gospel, namely; Elders James King, Elijah Hester, William Jones and Wm. E. Oakley. There were several licentiates some of whom in a few years were set apart to the full work of the ministry.

Elder James King was a lovely character whose labors were abundantly blest in the conversion of sinners. His education was quite limited, but by reading good books and study, he gathered up considerable amount of valuable information. He was well versed in the Scriptures.

Elder Elijah Hester was a man of undoubted piety and of good common sense, but he enjoyed little educational advantages. Before entering the ministry he represented his county in the legislature very acceptably. He filled the chair of the moderator of the association efficiently for many years at its annual sessions.

Elder Wm. Jones was a good and useful man—a man of excellent spirit—and greatly beloved by all the churches which he had served as pastor. His ministry was blest with many precious revivals of religion. He graduated at Wake Forest College in 1839.

Elder W. E. Oakley was a pious man, but of moderate abilities and but little education. He served as pastor a number of churches within the bounds of the Flat River Association, and was instrumental in doing good in the Master's vineyard, but he impaired his usefulness as a preacher by engaging in the practice of medicine and in preaching long sermons.

There has been wonderful progress in the ministry of the Flat River Association during the last fifty years, in efficiency, intelligence and abilty. The ministry of the Flat River Association at the present time, taken as a whole, will compare favorably with any other association, or body of ministers of like number. I think we have now an able ministry. Thank God for such men.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

In 1846, there was only one church (so far as I could learn and I visited every church in the association,) which paid its pastors as much as one hundred dollars a year for his work. The most of them paid their pastors very little for their services—say, from thirty to fifty dollars a year, from each church, was about the usual amount received for monthly preaching. Some of the churches were aversed to promising any certain amount or stated salary. The preacher they thought, should receive just what the people might without solicitation voluntarily give. Where such a sentiment prevailed, the preacher of course received little or nothing for his labors. Others seemed to think that a minister of the gospel was only a sort of pauper who lived, or ought to live, on charity. Who was to blame that the ministry was so poorly paid? The preachers themselves were in a great measure at fault. They did not fully instruct the people upon the subject of ministerial support. They were so self-sacrificing, and so modest that they did not wish to appear as urging their own claims, by preaching on the subject. They were over cautious in this regard. Great advancement has been made within the last fifty years in many directions, and among these, is the more correct understanding of that scripture, which says, "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

CHURCH BUILDINGS.

The church houses were all inferior buildings. The most of them were mere shells with uncomfortable seats and having no means of warming them in cold weather, with a shed or annex attached for the use of the colored people—their slaves.

I will introduce a few extracts from the diary of a missionary, as a sample, showing how the churches generally stood as to their church accommodations, Sunday Schools etc.

"Preached at,—1846. This is the largest church in the association with 294 members. Their house of worship is a small building with a shed at one end for the colored people. The house is unsealed with bad seats. They have no stove and no Sunday School."

"Preached at,—1846. The meeting house is a very poor concern, a mere shell, bad seats, no stove, no Sunday School, but as usual a shed for the colored people." A marked change has taken place in our church buildings. The old unsightly and uncomfortable shells, called houses of worship, have been torn away, and better and more commodious houses have arisen in their places. Thank God for better houses in which our people can worship Him.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In 1846 there was not a well organized Sabbath School within the bounds of the Flat River Association. Some spasmodic efforts had been made to establish schools by several churches at various points, but they were either very short lived, or turned out to be sad failures. There was no opposition to the Sunday School enterprise, but the bretheren did not realize that there was any obligation resting on them to engage personally in the work. They did not feel that deep interest in the cause which would have prompted them to labor zealously and perseveringly for its success. Indifference prevailed and paralized the energies of the bretheren. But a brighter day dawned upon the association, the churches began to arouse to the importance of the Sunday School enterprise, and the blessed work has prospered until it has brought together a crowd of pious workers, working for the glory of God and the salvation of mankind.

MISSIONS.

The term missions is here used in its extensive import to embrace all the benevolent enterprises in which christians are engaged to hasten the coming and triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom upon the earth. The Flat River Association has ever claimed to be a missionary body. They have prayed for and contributed, to some extent, at least, of their means to promote every good cause, designed to further the gospel and save a ruined world.

But up to half a century ago, the churches had adopted no system of giving—to work without a plan is ineffective and of course, very unsatisfactory in its results—consequently the con-

tributions were not only small but irregular, and uncertain as to when they would come to hand.

Soon after becoming a member of the association, I introduced a resolution which was unanimously adopted, requesting the pastors to take a collection in their respective churches once a year at least, for the different objects of the Baptist State Convention. The bretheren began to see more clearly the importance of working according to some definate plan, and contributing systematically. They moved up in that direction and are going forward, doing more and more each rolling year. Giving to the Lord's cause is evidently a means of grace. The bretheren of the Flat River Association have certainly grown considerably in the grace of giving. May they continue to grow until they shall arrive at the highest point of development to which they are capable of attaining.

During the past 100 years, since this association was organized, there has been awakened a spirit of missions among evangelical christians, before unknown in the history of the church, since the primative age of christianity.

In all the lands of evangelical christendom about one hundred important missionary organizations have been established which are engaged in carrying on systematically the work of spreading the gospel. They are making more or less progress and their spheres of operation are gradually widening. The number of missionaries and missionary stations continues to increase from year to year and the number of converts from heathenism is constantly being multiplied. In almost every heathen land known to us, the sound of the gospel is heard, and into more than two hundred languages the bible has been translated. Even the interest of commerce, goyernment, and science, and the power of steam and electricity assist in opening the way for christian missions to the ends of the earth. But we are yet, it would seem, far from that period when the gospel shall be preached to every creature.

The field for christian enterprise is vast and inviting; and the energy with which the work of evangelizing the world should be prosecuted ought to be in some proportion at least to the extent of the field to be cultivated. A beginning has been made. Almost everywhere the way is open for the heralds of the cross. Christian churches have been organized in almost every accessible heathen nation. Thousands of native preachers and pastors are proclaiming to their countrymen in their own tongues the wonderful works of God. Christian civilization and customs are beginning to extend in wider circles, the family and social relations are being elevated, and indeed the great mass of the people, who, as yet, are unawakened by the gospel, is being

imperceptibly brought under its transforming influence, which the leaven of its living power ever imparts. Wherever the gospel is preached to a people, however rude and and barbarous, in demonstration of the spirit and with power, the strongholds of idolatry will be shaken, the customs of life changed and old heathenish immoralities gradually subverted and a new atmosphere created filled with unheathenish if not christian ideas.

Of all the wonderful works and noble enterprises that characterize the present age, the missionary enterprise stands first in the rank of dignity and moral sublimity. But there is no ground whatever given to its friends, supporters and actors to glory; for the great idea is not their own invention, nor its success their own work. The disciples of Jesus are to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, but the sublime idea proceeded not from human mind. Its peculiar magnificence bears the seal of its divine origin. Only He to whom the Father gave a name that is above every other name, who, because He was obedient unto death, possesses all power in heaven and in earth, comprehended the giant idea. It is one of those divine thoughts of which the scriptures tell us, that is as high above man's thoughts as the heavens are higher than the earth.

Of all the works that God has entrusted to His people that of evangelizing the world is the most sublime. To fill the earth with the knowedge of the glory of God, the blessed gospel, without which there is no salvation, and to to give all mankind an opportunity to obtain righteousness and peace and heaven through a crucified Redeemer, is a great and glorious work. Should not every christian consider it his highest honor to engage in such work and rejoice to be permitted to bear some humble part in restoring this revolted world to its rightful Sovereign and aid in making universal Messiah's reign.

REPORT OF H. M. SHAW, TREASURER FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Education.		For'n Miss.		Home Miss.		Orphanage.		State Miss.		Poor.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expens.	Cont'l Missions	overly's Church.	Other Expens.
		For'd	Rec'd	For'd	Rec'd	For'd	Rec'd	For'd	Rec'd	For'd	Rec'd						
Amis Chapel	$ 1 50	$ 3 50	$	$ 13 10	$	$ 4 65	$	$	$	$ 11 85	$	$	$200	$ 16 15	$	$	$
Antioch	1 55		3 75	3 00		3 50		10 00		5 00			150	5 00	22 95		
Bethel	1 50	301 50			37 65	25 00		15 60			10 25	5 00	200	21 50			
Bethany	1 00	2 25		4 15			3 55	5 00			3 05		125	72 00			
Corinth	1 50			6 00						3 00			125				
Concord	1 50			5 28				4 08		9 50		5 50	150	14 30	3 75		
Enon	70		5 85		9 39		8 00	5 00	3 90		4 36		250	33 46			
Enon S. S.				5 00	6 25			18 72									
Florence Ave.	1 00												100	50 00			
F. R. Union	1 00			3 70		4 43		4 89			80	10 00	150				
Fellowship	1 65												100	6 00			
Grassy Creek	1 25	7 35			6 38	5 00			4 23		4 00		200	17 00		3 60	
Grassy Creek S. S.																	
Hester's	1 45				5 35		5 00		2 12		5 37		200	15 00			
Hester's S. S.					5 00											6 35	
Island Creek	2 00	6 80		29 58		5 70				19 37			200	25 00			
Island Creek S. S.								6 75									
Mary's Chapel	50						1 00				1 00						
Mountain Creek	1 00			12 00		9 60				13 00			250				
Mountain Creek S. S.									1 43						3 55		
Mt. Harmony	1 00			5 00		3 00			3 65	3 55				11 45			
Mt. Zion	1 75	10 00			28 10	14 00			13 03	15 00	4 10	22 80	275	1615 00			
Mt Zion S. S.						6 35			6 52		6 52						
Slaughter Fund					150 39						150 39						
Mill Creek	1 50	5 34		5 34			3 30		3 30	9 16			200	5 00	5 82		4 55
New Light	1 00																
Olive Branch	1 50	46 25		3 47	18 63		7 00		7 52		5 35	1 03	150	13 00			
Oxford	2 00																
Oxford W. M. S.																	
Oxford S. S.																	
Olive Grove	1 00												50				
Providence	1 25							2 43	1 68								
Pleasant Grove	1 50		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00			4 00			
Peace Chapel	1 00												65	9 55			
Poplar Creek	1 00	2 67			12 83		5 30		10 42		12 22		200	23 70			4 60
Roxboro	2 00	11 10	8 90	17 90	25 65	24 35		33 53	34 85	45 21	12 00	14 77	400	118 00			104 69
State Line	2 00			2 81									150	50 00			
Stovall	1 25			14 00		4 40				12 12			150	13 00			
Tally Ho	75		40		85		40		90		1 15	3 00	175	10 00			
Tally Ho S. S.					2 73			3 50	2 73		4 00						
Total	$39 60	$396 26	$ 19 90	$130 33	$309 60	$115 98	$ 34 55	$109 50	$ 97 28	$146 76	$225 56	$66 10		$2226 80	$35 37	$9 95	$113 84

NOTES:—Bethel Church donated $18.00 to the Royall Chair. Rock Spring Church reports baptized 8, education $7, Baptist orphanage $2.75 State Missions $17.70, Home Missions $5, Foreign Missions $15.15.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	BAPTIZED.	RESTORED.	REC. BY LETTER.	EXCLUDED.	DISMISSED.	DIED.	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.	GAIN.	LOSS.
Amis Chapel	12	1	4	3	5		152		2
Antioch	11	3	4	5	2		76	6	
Bethany	10	1	6	1	3	1	70	12	
Bethel	9	1	2		3		144	9	
Concord			5		7	1	130		3
Corinth	12	1	3	1	2	1	140	18	
Enon			3	1	3	2	135		3
Fellowship	15	1		1	2	2	108	18	
Flat River Union	5	2	3		1	3	146	6	
Florence Avenue			1		1	1	43		1
Grassy Creek	13	3	5	1	27	1	204		8
Hester's	2	1	1	2	15		195		13
Island Creek	12	2	2	1	18	1	200		4
Mary's Chapel				3			38		3
Mountain Creek	8	3		9	9	1	245	2	
Mount Harmony	12	2	3				73	17	
Mount Zion	2	1	5	3	6	1	223		2
New Light	5	1		5	3	2	125		4
Olive Branch	5	1	4	4	2	1	143	3	
Olive Grove	4		2	1			66	5	
Oxford	2		6	2	19	1	230		14
Peace Chapel	6		2	7	1		35		
Pleasant Grove	11	1			1	2	88	9	
Poplar Creek	2	1	3	3	2		146	1	
Providence	1	1	1	6	2	4	98		9
Rock Spring							53		
Roxboro			4		4	2	95		2
Snow Hill									
State Line	11	1	1	4			108	11	
Stovall	2	2	5	2	8		130		1
Tally Ho		1	3		8		168		4
Mill Creek	22	1	5	1	4	4	175		19
Total	194	32	83	66	158	31	3983		54

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POSTOFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Av. attendance.	Months.	Collections.
Amis Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanon, N. C.	9	45	35	10	$ 9 00
Antioch	J. L. Wilkinson	Roxboro	6	49	40	6	3 95
Bethany	W. H. Copley	Hampton	4	30	23	12	3 00
Bethel	G. E. Woody	Bethell Hill	8	52	45	12	14 00
Concord	Ralph Currin	Wilkins	7	46	38	12	5 00
Corinth	J. I. Gordon	Clay	7	60	30	6	
Enon	J. M. Phipps	Oxford	7	85	55	12	30 17
Fellowship	T. M. Thomasson	Beck	8	75	50	3	6 40
Flat River Union	S. W. Waller	Knap of Reeds	6	35	50	12	
Florence Avenue	Rufus Amis	Blue Wing	6	44	30	12	4 44
Grassy Creek	J. M. Pittard	Adoniram	4	40	30	9	
Hester's	Loss Knott	Sunset	8	50	35	12	17 39
Island Creek	P. B. Sneed	Williamsboro	19	90	80	12	
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Wheelous	Grissom	6	35	40	10	
Mountain Creek	W. T. Eakes	Whetstone	6	40	20	12	4 98
Mount Harmony	Amos Currin	Berea	5	25			2 40
Mount Zion	J. J. Meadows	Culbreth	8		48	12	22 15
Olive Branch	E. D. Jones	Blue Wing	7	60	40	12	9 15
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	12	192	90	12	69 72
Poplar Creek	J. L. Capps	Carlton	8		34	12	16 72
Providence	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro	7	60	40	12	4 00
Roxboro	T. H. Street	Roxboro	10	71	48	12	124 62
State Line	W. S. Gordon	Soudan, Va.	10	50	45	12	8 81
Stovall	J. S. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	8	50	35	12	12 00
Tally Ho	L. M. Duncan	Stems	9	44	30	9	
Mill Creek	J. H. Gentry	Allensville	9	65	49	12	4 55

PASTORS, CLERKS, POSTOFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

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The Flat River Association convened in its one hundred and first annual session with Mountain Creek Baptist church, Granville County, N. C.

In the absence of Rev. W. F. Watson the introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. O. L. Stringfield, of Raleigh, N. C., from Mark 6:48.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator, Brother A. C. Parham, called the Association to order, and after reading the 113th Psalm, prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Hardaway.

The Moderator appointed Brother W. L. Foushee, clerk, and Brethren F. P. Hobgood and B. S. Royster, reading clerks, after which the roll of churches was called, their letters were read and delegates enrolled, viz:

Amis Chapel—A. H. Garner, C. S. Chandler and L. S. Royster.
Antioch—J. W. Denny, *C. W. Reams and C. H. Tapp.
Bethany—R. J. Day, *W. H. Copley and D. C. Cozart.
Bethel—W. P. Howard, A. J. Crutchfield and *W. A. Woody.
Concord—Ralph Currin, *J. L. Lyon and *W. R. Dupree.
Corinth—*J. B. Elliott, D. W. Eakes and Willie Currin.
Enon—B. F. Hester, J. M. Phipps and J. L. Daniel.
Fellowship—No Letter.
Flat River Union—R. Peed, *H. T. Roycroft and E. H. Veazey.
Florence Avenue—J. S. Pool, J. J. Drumwright and J. T. Brooks.

Grassy Creek—B. T. Winston, L. A. Royster and J. R. Ragsdale.
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Snow Hill—No letter.
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Tally Ho—W. B. Cash, W. F. Washington and W. D. Thomasson.

This being the proper time, the Association went into the election of officers, and the following are duly elected: A. C. Parham, moderator; W. L. Foushee, clerk; H. M. Shaw, treasurer.

The following visiting bretheren were recognized and welcomed to seats among us: J. C. Cadell, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder; John Mitchell, D. D., Cor. Sec. of the education boad; R. Van Deventer, Vice Pres. Foreign Mission board for North Carolina; C. Durham, D. D., Cor. Sec. of State Convention and Pres. board of trustees of Wake Forest College; O. L. Stringfield, Fin. Sec. Baptist Female University.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—G. T. Watkins, J. B. Elliott, W. A. Woody.
State Missions—J. A. Stradley, R. Currin, W. P. Howard.
Education—R. H. Marsh, B. D. Howard, B. F. Hester.
Home Missions—J. S. Hardaway, W. H. Copley, C. W. Reams.
Foreign Missions—H. T. Williams, D. C. Cozart, A. H. Garner.
Orphanage—J. A. Beam, L. Knott, L. A. Royster.
Sunday Schools—T. H. Street, H. T. Roycroft, J. M. Phipps.
Temperance—T. B. Hill, J. A. Humphries, R. F. Knott.
Place and Preacher—H. T. Shanks, G. W. Wright, A. R. Foushee.
Order of Business—F. B. Hobgood, T. H. Street.

* Absent.

Bro. R. H. Marsh introduced the following ministers who have become pastors in this Association since its last annual session: H. T. Williams, J. T. Riddick, J. E. Smith, H. H. Marshburn, E. S. Pierce, and E. Y. Pool.

The report of the committee on Order of Business was read by Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Chairman, and adopted.

On motion of Bro. B. S. Royster, Bro. J. C. Cadell was called on to address the house while waiting for report on Periodicals. He advocated the claim of the Biblical Recorder on this Association as the denominational organ.

The report on Periodicals having been called for, Bro. G. T. Watkins read the following:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Recognizing the great importance of light upon any subject to properly understand and appreciate it, and believing that God's work is no exception to the rule; also recognizing that our religious periodicals afford one of the best possible means of Christian light, we heartily commend this branch of our work to your earnest support and fostering care. We wish especially to mention the BIBLICAL RECORDER, FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL, HOME FIELD, and Sunday School Literature—those published both at Nashville and Philadelphia. Respectfully submitted,

G. T. WATKINS,
J. B. ELLIOTT,
W. A. WOODY,
} Committee.

After discussion by Brethren J. A. Stradley, F. P. Hobgood, R. Van Deventer, and C. Durham the report was adopted.

On Motion of Brother F. P. Hobgood, Rev. J. S. Hardaway was elected delegate from this Association to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Rev. H. T. Williams as alternate.

Brethren B. F. Hester, B. S. Royster and F. P. Hobgood were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Brother J. H. Mills, Sup't of Thomasville Orphanage was then recognized and on request addressed the Association on behalf of the Orphanage.

On motion of Brother C. Durham a cash collection was taken for the Orphanage. This collection amounted to $13.88.

On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. Van Deventer.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

August 15th, 1894.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. T. Williams, the Association met in regular session at 9:30 o'clock. The minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

Rev. Chas. E. Taylor, D. D., Pres. Wake Forest College was recognized and invited to a seat.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. J. A. Stradley, which, after discussion by Brethren J. A. Stradley, M. P. Davis, and C. Durham, was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

At the last Convention there was a debt of $3,000 on the State Mission Board; but in ninety days this debt was paid. From the Convention in December, 1892, to August 16th, 1893, the Convention sent to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer for State Missions $3,444.93, and from the Convention in December 1893, to August 15th, 1894, the churches sent to the Treasurer $7,014.09. This is a gain in contributions, for this one object, this year, over the contributions of last year of $3,569.16. There are 87 missionaries preaching this year at more than 300 destitute places. They have been greatly blessed in their work during this year. This Board is doing a grand foundation work. Scores of mission stations planted and fostered by this Board have developod into self-supporting churches. It is Christ-like to carry the gospel to the destitute. Let us be co-wcrkers with Christ in this blessed work.

J. A. STRADLEY
W. P. HOWARD
Committee.

At the suggestion of Brother C. Durham the roll of churches was called and the delegates respectively agreed to endeavor to raise the following amounts for the cause of State Missions:

Amis Chapel, $12,00; Antioch, $5,00; Bethany, $5,00; Bethel, $25,00; Concord, $15,00; Corinth, $5,00; Enon, $10,00; F. R. Union, $5,00; Florence Avenue, $7,50; Grassy Creek, $7,00; Hester's, $10,00; Island Creek, $10,00; Mill Creek, $10,00; Mountain Creek, $15 00; Mt. Harmony, $3 00; Mt. Zion, $20 00; Mary's Chapel, $1,00; Olive Branch, $5,00; Pleasant Grove, $5,00; Providence, $3,00; Roxboro, $35,00; Rock Spring, $5,00; State Line, $5,00; Stovall, $10,00; Tally Ho. $5,00.

Oxford, Peace Chapel and Poplar Creek agreed to raise liberal contributions.

The hour for Foreign Missions having arrived the report was

read by Bro. H. T. Williams, after which the subject was discussed by brethren H. T. Williams, J. A. Beam, J. S. Hardaway, C. E. Taylor, R. Van Deventer, R. H. Marsh, E. S. Pierce, T. B. Hill, B. D. Howard and C. Durham.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS,

When we think of the actual condition of men and women in heathen countries, and of the direct command of Christ to us, to carry them the Gospel, we tremble under the responsibility.

We rejoice to think that, in obedience to the commands of "Our Master," we have in the past done something for our lost brethren. There are 151 Missionaries and native assistants in the Foreign Fields under the direction of the F. M. Board. Of these, 19 besides quite a number who are working under the plan known as Gospel Mission are from North Carolina. As yet no one has gone to the Foreign Field from this Association.

Several associations in our State are now supporting missionaries in the Foreign Fields. Every missionary who has gone from us is calling loudly for more workers from home. In view of these facts, your committee respectfully suggest that our churches try to do more for this work.

1. Let us as individuals inform ourselves as to the needs of the Foreign Field, and then as to the part that God will have each one to take in this work

2. That we ask God to give us from our midst at least two of the wisest and most faithful of His servants to represent us in this great work, and that He will give us those at home who will gladly support those who are called to the Foreign work.

3. That we talk freely about the best plan of doing this work, that we strive to correct the errors of the past, and that we come together as one man in soul and mind in doing this great work for the Lord.

H. T. WILLIAMS,
A. H. GARNER, } Committee.

The roll of churches was called and their representatives pledge to endeavor to raise the following amounts respectively for the cause of Foreign Missions:

Amis Chapel, $15 00; Antioch, $10 00; Bethel, $25 00; Bethany, $5 00; Concord, $15 00; Enon, $25 00; F. R. Union, $5 00; Grassy Creek, $10 00; Hester's, $25 00; Island Creek, $20 00; Mary's Chapel, $2 00; Mountain Creek, $15 00; Mt. Harmony, $1 50; Mt. Zion, $30 00; Mill Creek, $10 00; Oxford, $30 00; Provldence $5 00; Roxboro, $35 00; Stovall, $12 00; Tally Ho, $10 00. Olive Branch, Peace Chapel, Poplar, and State Line pledge to raise their best possible collections.

On motion the Association adjourned till 1:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock, and on motion of Brother R. H. Marsh the report on Foreign Missions was adopted without further discussion.

The report on Education was now called for and read as follows by Brother R. H. Marsh.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is helpful in enlarging piety and usefulness; but in no sense is literary training necessary to personal religion. Formal education helps in the circulation of periodical and religious literature, in the Sunday School, and in the general work and service of the church. Practical education is attainable in all the walks of life with but limited school-helps. The subject of school-training embraces general and ministerial education.

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The Baptist Female University has not yet opened, but is making gratifying progress.

In regard to the question of "State Aid to Higher Education" that is now engaging public attention, your committee would say: The pamphlet recently published by Dr. C. E. Taylor is an

exhaustive, and most admirable presentation of that subject. As such we commend it to the patient and thoughtful consideration of all friends of Christian education.

R. H. MARSH,
B. D. HOWARD, } Committee.
B. F. HESTER,

Although a violent storm raged without and the house was densely packed the subject of Education was discussed by Brethren C. Durham, O. L. Stringfield, C. E. Taylor and John Mitchell. At this point, owing to the absence of delegates by reason of the storm, the report on Education was laid on the table till 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

The hour for Sunday Schools having arrived the report was read by Brother T. H. Street, and after discussion by Brother Street, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing the work of the S. S. to be the greatest auxiliary to church work, we ask a more thorough and continual co-operation of Pastors and Layman, and by that means we believe the schools will occupy the position as intended which is twin sisters to the churches, and the end God glorified. We further recommend that Sunday Schools be given a more prominent place in our order of business and more thoroughly discussed.

T. H. STREET,
J. H. PHIPPS, } Committee.

Brethren R. D. Howard and T. H. Street of the committee on Fifth Sunday Meeting made their report.

On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by F. P. Hobgood.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

August 16th

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. S. Hardaway. At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order and the Clerk read the minutes of Wednesday's proceedings which were approved.

The roll of delegates was called and absentees noted.

On motion the report on Education was again taken up for consideration and was discussed by Brethren J. A. Beam, R. H. Marsh, H. T. Williams, J. S. Hardaway, F. P. Hobgood, T. B. Hill and B. F. Hester.

The roll of churches was then called and delegates pledged an endeavor to raise the following amounts respectively for the Education Board at Wake Forest College:

Amis Chapel, $5 00; Bethel, $5 00; Concord, $5 00; Enon, $5 00; Hesters, $5 00; Island Creek, $10 00; Mountain Creek, $5 00; Oxford, $20 00; Roxboro, $15 00; Stovall, $5 00; Rock Springs, $5 00.

Antioch and Florence Avenue, agreed to raise liberal contributions for this object.

On motion the report on education was adopted as read by Bro. Marsh.

By motion all speeches for the day were limited to five minutes each.

Bro. J. S. Hardaway then read the report on Home Missions, which after being discussed by Bro. Hardaway was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the board that has in hand the work among the negroes, among the Indians, among foreign populations, among our native white people in destitute sections, and work on the island of Cuba. This board also has in hand a department of church building.

Last year 381 missionaries labored in connection with this board; 4470 were baptized; 4039 were received by letter; 133 churches were constituted, and 67 church houses were built. In addition to this a great deal was done in the way of distributing Bibles and tracts, in organizing and carrying on Sunday Schools, in visitations and general religious work.

Surely we ought to give this board our hearty and generous support.

JNO. S. HARDAWAY,
W. H. COPLEY,
C. W. REAMS,
} Committee.

The report on orphanage was called for and the following was read by Bro. J. A. Beam, which, after discussion by Bro. Beam, was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Every Baptist father and mother in North Carolina should rejoice over the fact that they have a home at Thomasville already prepared for their children, should they be thrown out upon the charity of the world. This thought should make the Baptist host of North Carolina rally to the support of the 122 orphans in this home. They are the children of our depart-

ed bretheren and sisters. God has committed them to our care. $60 will bear all expenses of one of these children for a whole year. There are in this association six churches, each able to support one orphan by paying 30 cents per capita. This would nearly double the work of the whole association of last year, which was about 5 cents per capita. Therefore as your committee we recommend that each of our strongest churches support one orphan next year; that two or more of the less able churches join to support one and that no church give less than 10 cents per capita to this great work. We further reccommend that the delegate whose name appears first in the list of delegates from each church be considered a committee of one whose duty it shall be to bring the Orphanage before his church and Sunday School at a time that he and his pastor may deem best in the associational year and endeavor to raise the above named amounts.

This done and many of the poor unfortunate children now scattered over our State uncared for will next year have the advantage of our orphanage, and the blessings of heaven.

J. A. BEAM,
L KNOTT,
L. A. ROYSTER, } Committee.

This being the hour for Temperance Bro. T. B. Hill read the report, which was discussed by Brethern, Hill, J. W. Denney, R. H. Marsh, L. Royster, H. F. Jeffress, A. H. Garner, J. T. Riddick, R. F. Knott, H. T. Williams, J. C. Cadell, B. F. Hester, W. I. Wilkerson, J. A. Beam, J. H. Royster, B. T. Winston, J. A. Stradley, D. L. Woody, J. T. Brooks, A. C. Parham. The report was adopted as read.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is not only necessary in the development of a moral character, but is one of the fundamental principals of the Christian religion. And in our belief no church member can frequent, bar rooms and saloons without bringing great reproach and shame upon the cause of Christ. We do not believe that this great evil will ever be suppressed by outward force; but that this evil can only be suppressed by implanting a higher standard of morality and Christian virtues in the hearts of the people. And we truly believe that these principals can and only will be implanted in the hearts of the people by the church of Christ—and would recommend that every pastor preach annually, at least two elaborate sermons upon this important subject, in order that the evil effects of intoxicating spirits upon physical as well as upon the spiritual man, may be clearly placed before the people.

T. B. HILL,
J. A. HUMPHRIES,
R. F. KNOTT, } Committee.

The report on Time, Place and Preacher for the next session of the Association having been called for, the Clerk read the report which was adopted.

Your committe recommend that the next session of the Flat River Association be held with Concord Baptist church, Granville county, N. C.; beginning on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in August 1895, and the Introductory Sermon be preached by Rev. P. H. Fountain, of Elmo, Va.

A. R. FOUSHEE,
H. C. SHANKS, } Committee.
G. W. WRIGHT,

Bro. R. H. Marsh offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pastors, deacons, and members of the Flat River Association be earnestly requested to revive and support the Fifth Sunday meetings; and that brethern H. T. Williams, T. H. Street and G. W. Watkins, be made a committee to regulate the whole matter.

The resolution was heartily endorsed by pastors, R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Stradley, H. T. Williams, T. B. Hill, E. S. Pierce, E. Y. Pool, J. A. Beam, and J. T. Riddick, and brethren T. H. Street, F. P. Hobgood, G. W. Watkins and D. L. Woody, and was adopted by a rising vote of the Association.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Beam the Association spent twenty minutes in devotional exercises.

Bro. F. P. Hobgood moves that the Clerk be allowed $15,00 for his services and the remainder of the money be distributed according to the wishes of the churches.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. R. H. Marsh, which was adopted by a rising vote of the Association:

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Association be extended by a rising vote to the members of Mountain Creek church and community for their cordial welcome and abundant hospitality during the session of this body.

Florence Avenue church gives $1,00 to minute fund which was handed to the Clerk. There being no further business, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. T. Williams and singing to meet at Concord Baptist church on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in August 1895.

Wm. L. FOUSHEE, CLERK.

A. C. PARHAM, MODERATOR.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS—H. T. Williams, T. H. Street and G. W. Watkins.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Of the thirty-two churches composing the Association, thirty were represented by delegates and letters.

Twenty-five contributed to Foreign Missions; sixteen to Education; twenty-four to Home Missions; twenty-two to Orphanage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Av. attendance	Months.	Collections.
Amis' Chapel	M. D. Harris	Buchanon, N. C.	10	50	40	9	$8 00
Antioch	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro, N. C.	8	43	30	9	
Bethany	W. H. Copley	Hampton, N. C.	4	30	15	9	
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Bethel Hill, N. C.	10	68	46	12	26 46
Concord	Ralph Currin	North Side, N. C.	20	91	73	12	9 20
Corinth	J. B. Elliott	Clay, N. C.	6		30	6	2 50
*Enon	J. W. Phipps	Oxford, N. C.	7	69	76	12	36 34
Flat River Union	S. W. Waller	Knapp of Reeds,	6	50	35	12	5 00
Florence Avenue	Rufus Amis	Virgilina, Va.	5	40	25	12	
Grassy Creek	J. L. Pittard	Adoniram, N. C.	7	73	43	9	3 50
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Sunset, N. C.	8	64	31	12	21 57
Island Creek	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, N. C.	16	150	125	12	
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Wheelous	Grissom, N. C.	7	36	25	10	
Mill Creek	H. F. Link	Holloway's, N. C.	8	65	48	12	3 60
Mountain Creek	J. A. Watkins	Cornwall, N. C.	7	53	30	12	8 25
Mount Harmony	S. E. Peed	Surl, N. C.	5	20	15	12	2 00
Mount Zion	J. C. Currin	Berea, N. C.	8		48	12	23 50
Olive Branch	E. D. Jones	Blue Wing, N. C.	9	45	35	12	10 84
Olive Grove	Willie Colley	North Side, N. C.	7	35	25	4	2 00
Oxford	E. T. Rawlins	Oxford, N. C.	15	145	80	12	71 32
Peace Chapel	J. S. Gordon	Clay, N. C.	7	45	25	4	
Pleasant Grove	W. J. Rogers	Mount Energy,	11	85	60	6	
Poplar Creek	J. L. Capps	Carlton,	8		33	12	
Providence	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro, N. C.	8	60	45	9	
Rocky Spring	C. Gordon	Woodworth, N. C.	8	59	34	9	7 81
†Roxboro	T. H. Street	Roxboro, N. C.	10	68	49	12	50 49
State Line	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	9	32	29	12	5 34
Stovall	R. A. Gill	Stovall, N. C.	7	60	35	12	13 00
Tally Ho	W. F. Washington	Stems, N. C.	9	40	28	12	10 80

*Enon has two branch S. S.: Tar River, E. K. Howard, Supt., and Ragland's Store, A. B. Ragland Supt. †Roxboro has branch S. S.: Long's Chapel, T. H. Street, Supt.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase.			Decrease			Total Membership	Gain	Loss
	Baptized	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Died			
Amis Chapel	9		3	2	8	3	153	1	
Antioch	2		5	3	6	2	83		4
Bethany	1		3	1	2	1	74		
Bethel	8	2	4	1	2	2	153	9	
Concord	6	1	1			2	136	6	
Corinth	5		2	2	4				
Enon	34	1	9	7	5	1	176	31	
Flat River Union	3		2		5	1	140		1
Florence Avenue	8		12	2	1		60	17	
Grassy Creek	76		4	4	10	1	193		11
Hesters'		3	2		6		194		1
Island Creek	11	1	4	5	9	2	200		
Mary's Chapel	5					1	43	4	
Mill Creek	14	2	3	3	2	1	191	16	
Mountain Creek			8	9	8	2	234		11
Mount Harmony				1	4	2	66		7
Mount Zion	20	1	7	6	3	3	236	16	
New Light	16	1		18	1	2	132		4
Olive Branch				3	1	3	133		7
Olive Grove				2			75		2
Oxford	11	1	4		25		221		9
Peace Chapel	18		3				56	21	
Pleasant Grove	17		3		2	1	105	17	
Poplar Creek		1	1	2	6	3	137		8
Providence	13	7	2	2	3	3	122	16	
Rock Spring	6	2	5	3	1	2	71	7	
Roxboro	8		6		8		101	6	
State Line	12	2	2	5	2		115	9	
Stovall	22	1	15	7	3	1	157	27	
Tally Ho			3	3	9	3	160		12
Total	325	26	113	91	126	42	3918	202	77

REPORT OF R. M. SHAW, TREASURER FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Miss. For'd	State Miss. Rec'd	Home Miss. For'd	Home Miss. Rec'd	For. Miss. For'd	For. Miss. Rec'd	Education. For'd	Education. Rec'd	Orphanage. For'd	Orphanage. Rec'd	Poor.	M. R. Fund. For'd	M. R. Fund. Rec'd	Gosp. Miss. For'd	Gosp. Miss. Rec'd	Oxford Church	Bible Institute	Church Extension	Sunday School Lit.
Amis Chapel	1 05				5 00															
†Antioch	1 50	6 51			1 35	11 30	1 63	2 00	1 35	3 50		5 00					2 45			
Bethany	1 00	2 29	3 41		4 00	15 00	5 30		9 15		2 66			1 67						
Bethel	1 66				50											10 53				
Concord	1 50	43 50		25 80		14 00		2 55		34 07										
Corinth	1 50	2 16		6 36		12 64				9 45										
Enon	1 00		8 85		10 70		9 24		7 90		7 40									
Enon Sunday School						14 75	8 66			31 62	2 13	15 80								
Florence Ave.	1 00		3 02				3 00													
Fellowship																				
F. R. Union		2 08		3 50		4 00				21 00										
Grassy Creek	1 50	2 50		2 50			7 21			6 60	3 50									
Hester's	1 50		7 90				9 25			17 30										
Hester's Sunday School							7 42			1 50										
Island Creek	1 25	16 30		1 60		28 25		3 80		14 00		6 00						2 15		
Island Creek S. School.										5 25									2 85	
Mary's Chapel	50		50				1 00				1 00									
Mill Creek	1 00				1 70						1 70									
Mountain Creek	1 50	9 45		5 76		9 04		19 10		10 00		2 35								3 60
Mountain Creek S. S.		5 35					3 05													
Mt. Harmony	75		1 50		1 50							1 00								
Mt. Zion	1 75		11 65		75		26 20		8 40		9 85					4 00				
Mt. Zion Sunday School			6 90	12 75			6 91		6 90	13 20		15 30								
Slaughter Fund		130 00				91 87									45 00					
New Light	1 00		3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00				2 00									
Oxford	2 00	10 01		10 45		27 41		12 10		17 71		9 75	8 36		174067					
Woman's Miss. Society															19 70					
Olive Branch	1 25				6 00		5 58													
Olive Grove	50	8 00		3 72	1 60	3 72		29 30												
Pleasant Grove	1 50				50		1 00		1 00		2 75									
Peace Chapel	1 00																			
‡Poplar Creek	62		7 33		3 00		8 32				50									
Providence		2 46					2 42			7 45										
Roxboro	1 50	26 81		15 00		32 55		13 13		26 49								2 60		
Rock Spring	1 00	6 63		5 00		10 92		4 00		3 65							6 25			
State Line	1 55		3 80							2 00										
State Line S. school										5 34										
Stovall	1 25	11 00		2 30		13 45		2 43		5 52							4 72			
Snow Hill																				
Tally Ho	1 63	35																		
Tally Ho Sunday School		3 77		3 10		3 11	4 10		25		89	4 25								
Total received	$4 76		58 21		39 60		113 29		34 95		34 38			$1 67		$14 53				
Coll. taken at Asso.											13 88									

†In kind to Orphanage $1f 25. ‡In kind to Orphanage $4 00.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES, AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING,
Amis Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	J. W. Downy	Buchanan, N. C.	Saturday before 1st Sunday
Antioch	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro, N. C.	G. W. Denny	Roxboro, N. C.	Second Sun. and Sat. before
Bethany	C. R. Hairfield	Gray Stone, N. C.	R. L. Tilley	Hampton, N. C.	" " " "
Bethel	*P. H. Fontaine	Elmo, Va.	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill, N. C.	Third " " "
Concord	M. P. Davis	Wake Forest, N. C.	J. D. Clark	Lyons, N. C.	Second " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, N. C.	A. A. Overton	Clay, N. C.	" " " "
Enon	P. H. Fontaine	Elmo, Va.	R. M. Currin	Oxford, N. C.	Fourth " " "
Flat River Union	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest, N. C.	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds	" " " "
Florence Avenue	H. T. Williams	Roxboro, N. C.	Rufus Amis	Virgilina, Va.	First " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram, N. C.	Fourth " " "
Hesters'	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	N. J. Pucket	Satterwhite, N. C.	Second " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, N. C.	Third " " "
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, N. C.	J. Z. Allen	Grissom, N. C.	" " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro, N. C.	J. L. Gentry	Allensville, N. C.	Fourth " " "
Mountain Creek	J. T. Riddick	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. S. Eakes	Whetstone, N. C.	Third " " "
Mt. Harmony	E. Y. Pool	Bethel Hill, N. C.	T. K. Jones	Surl, N. C.	Fourth " " "
Mt. Zion	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill N. C.,	E. A. Howard	Culbreth, N. C	First " " "
New Light	Z. W. Wheelous	Grissom, N. C.	A. B. Lassiter	New Light, N. C.	Second " " "
Olive Branch	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock, N. C.	" " " "
Olive Grove	W. Y. Chappel	Flint, N. C.	E. A. Perry	Rogers' Store, N. C.	" " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford, N. C.	E. G. Currin	Oxford, N. C.	Every Sun. Morn. and night
Peace Chapel	T. B. Hill	Blue Wing, N. C.	H. F. Jeffress	Kitrell, N. C.	4th Sun. and Sat. before
Pleasant Grove	J. E. Smith	Creedmore, N. C.	W. A. Hester	Hester, N. C.	First " " "
Poplar Creek	†	†	J. L. Capps	Carlton, N. C.	" " " "
Providence	E. S. Pierce	Bethel Hill, N. C.	H. J. Whitt	Roxboro, N. C.	" " " "
Rock Spring	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	J. R. Turner	Woburn, N. C.	Fourth " " "
Roxboro	H. T. Williams	Roxboro, N. C.	J. A. Noell	Roxboro, N. C.	Second and Fourth Sundays
State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	Third Sun. and Sat. before
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	J. S. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	Second " " "
Tally Ho	J. E. Smith	Creedmore, N. C.	G. W. Royster	Hargrove, N. C.	Third " " "

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E. Y. Pool,	Wake Forest,	"
C. R. Taylor,	Bethel Hill,	"

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of constitution.

MINUTES

CREEDMOOR, N. C., AUGUST 13, 1895.

The Flat River Associaton convened to-day in its one hundred and second annual session with Concord Baptist church, at its meeting house at Creedmoor, Granville county, N. C., and at 11 o'clock A. M. was called to order by A. C. Parham, Moderator of the previous session.

Rev. P. H. Fontaine, of Bethel Hill, N. C, .delivered the introductory sermon, from Ezekiel 33: 7 and 8; subject, "Our duty to send the Gospel to the Heathen, and the effect of not fulfilling this duty."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the Association assembled in regular session. Devotional exercises were conducted by H. T. Williams, Roxboro, N. C.

Brethren T. B. Hill and H. M. Shaw were appointed Reading Clerks. The roll of churches was called, their letters read, and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS' CHAPEL—*A. H. Garner, *J. L. Chandler, J. W. Downey.

ANTIOCH—*J. W. Denny, *G. W. Denny, *C. H. Tapp.

BETHANY—W. A. Malone, *D. C. Cozart, *J. S. Coleman.

BETHEL—*J. O. Rogers, A. J. Crutchfield, S. C. Humphries.

CONCORD—W. R. Dupree, S. N. Goss, W. H. Waller.

CORINTH—*J. B. Elliott, *N. H. Daniel, J. W. Pittard.

ENON—W. C. Currin, B. F. Hester, E. K. Howard.

FELLOWSHIP—T. H. Perry, B. F. Lawrence, *W. J. Mangum.

*Absent.

FLAT RIVER UNION—Richard Peed, K. T. Royecroft, E H. Veazey.

FLORENCE AVENUE—*J. S. Pool, *Rufus Amis, *C. Y. Hill,

GRASSY CREEK—J. W. Winston, *Willie Daniel, *Robert Davis.

HESTER'S—*B. F. Currin, Z. Daniel, E. H. Pruitt.

ISLAND CREEK—S. A. Green, *W. D. Hicks, Henry Davis.

MARY'S CHAPEL—*T. F. Ross, *J. W. Wheelous.

MILL CREEK—*J. S. Walker, *J. W. Clayton, *W. J. Buchanan.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—*J. S. Eakes, J. P. Currin, *Reuben Hart,

MOUNT HARMONY—*S. E. Peed, *L. Vaughan, *N. V. Currin.

MOUNT ZION—S R. O'Briant, B. D. Howard, *J. F. Meadows.

NEW LIGHT—W. L. Jackson, *C. C. Keith, J. R. Wheeler, John Sikes.

OLIVE BRANCH—*E. Y. Pool, *Clem Gentry, *J. P. Stovall,

OLIVE GROVE—E. M. Terry, John Sheron, *Alfred Keith.

OXFORD—A. C. Parham, S. H. Cannaday, Howard Dorsey.

PEACE CHAPEL—J. C. Wilson, D. Y. Hunt, J. C. Tippett

PLEASANT GROVE—J. H. Bowling, W. J. Rogers, O. F. Hughes.

POPLAR CREEK—G. W. Wright, *A. J. Wright, W. T. Barnes.

PROVIDENCE—*J. H. Yarborough, *B. L. Gravitt, *G. W. Buchanan.

ROCK SPRING—*B. F. Knott, *T. J. Richardson, *A. J. Owen,

ROXBORO—J. J. Lunsdell, *J. H. Carver, W. L. Foushee.

SNOW HILL—No Letter.

STATE LINE—W. B. Royster, H. Gordon, T. A. Royster,

STOVALL—W. H. Cutts, W. S. Green, *David G. Wilson.

TALLY HO—S. P. Washington, W. T. Hunt, W. C. Peed.

A. C. Parham, Oxford, N. C, having been nominated to be Moderator of the Association, J. S. Hardaway was instructed to cast for him the ballot of the Association. He was declared elected. On motion, W. L. Foushee, Roxboro, N. C., was elected Clerk, and H. M. Shaw, Oxford, N. C., Treasurer, by acclamation,

*Absent.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed to seats among us: R. W. Cridlin, Principal South Side Female Institute, Va.; L. W. Bagley, Principal Littleton High School, N. C.; J. C. Caddell, Associate Editor Biblical Recorder; C. Durham, D. D., Corresponding Secretary State Convention and President Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College; John Mitchell, D. D., Corresponding Secretary Board of Education; L. R. Wright, Pastor in Virginia.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

PERIODICALS—H. T. Williams, W. A. Malone, B. D. Howard.

EDUCATION—M. P. Davis, B. F. Hester, W. C. Currin.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—R. H. Marsh, E. K. Howard, S. R. O'Briant.

STATE MISSIONS—J. A. Beam, J. J. Meadows, S. P. Washington.

HOME MISSIONS—P. H. Fontaine, W. B. Royster, E. H. Pruitt.

ORPHANAGE—G. T. Watkins, F. P. Hobgood, W. T. Hunt.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—J. S. Hardaway, J. E. Smith.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. A. Stradley, W. H. Cutts, S. C. Humphries.

It was moved that, while waiting for the Committee on Order of Business, the subject of Ministerial Relief be taken up. After discussion of this subject by J. A. Beam, R. W. Cridlin and J. S. Hardaway, the following resolutions were read by C. Durham and adopted:

RESOLVED: That we commend the work of the Ministerial Relief Board to the thoughtful consideration of our brethren, and we hope that each church will take at least one collection a year for this object and report the same in the church letter to Association.

The Report on Order of Business was read by J. S. Hardaway from the Committee, and was adopted as follows:

Tuesday—3:30 to 4 o'clock P. M., Ministerial Relief.

Wednesday—A. M., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, State Missions.

From 11 to 11:30 o'clock, Periodicals.

From 11:30 to 12:30 o'clock, Foreign Missions.

Adjournment till 2 P. M.

From 2 to 3 P. M., Home Missions.

From 3 to 4 o'clock, Education.

Thursday--A. M., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Orphanage.

From 11 to 12 o'clock, Sunday Schools.

From 12 to 12:30 o'clock, Temperance.

F. P. Hobgood moved that the Treasurer prepare a table of contributions received by him, that the Clerk prepare a table of all contributions, and that both be inserted in the minutes.

R. J. Willingham, D. D, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Mission Board of Southern Convention, and Prof. W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest College, were recognized by the Association and welcomed.

The Association adjourned, after prayer by G. T. Watkins, Roxboro.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

AUGUST 14, 1895.

The Association re-assembled at 9:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by John Mitchell, Wake Forest.

The minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was announced as follows: M. H. Veazey, S. A. Green, H. Dorsey.

The Association recognized and invited to seats among us, W. C. Tyree, Pastor First church of Durham, N. C., and H. A. Reams, Durham, N. C.

J. A. Beam, of Committee, read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There are ninety-two missionaries preaching at 400 mission stations and mission churches in the bounds of the Baptist State Convention of N. C. Since last April they have dedicated eleven houses of worship and have organized eight new churches. They are now building thirty-seven meeting houses. The 92 missionaries are all laboring in 27 Associations. This leaves 18 Associations with more or less needed mission work in each, with not a single missionary.

Fifteen thousand dollars must be raised this year. Only $4,371,18 of this amount have been raised. Eleven cents per capita from 136,000 white Baptists in N. C. would raise this amount. As your

Committee, we urge that this Association do more for State Missions next year than has been done this year.

J. A. BEAM,
J. J. MEADOWS,
S. P. WASHINGTON, } Com.

The report was discussed by J. A. Beam and C. Durham, and adopted.

J. Hartwell Edwards, Agent for the Woman's College at Raleigh, N. C., was introduced to the Association.

H. T. Williams, from the Committee, read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Information on any subject must preceed intelligent action. This is true in our relation to people, as well as in regard to the work that we ought to do. We are a great Denomination engaged in a still greater work. Much credit for what we are and for what we have done is due the Biblical Recorder, which for sixty years has been the medium of communication and for transmitting information for the Baptists of N. C. While the Recorder has long been highly appreciated, it gives us great pleasure to notice, that under the management of our young Editor, J. W. Bailey, it has never been so efficient or so popular as at present.

Your Committee most earnestly recommend an organized effort on the part of Pastors and others to circulate our periodicals more generally among our people. Certainly there should be 20,000 subscribers to the Recorder within the next year. Our new Mission Journal of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Charity and Children should be universally read by our people.

With an organized effort for this purpose, wonders could be accomplished for the good of our people and for the glory of our Master.

H. T. WILLIAMS,
W. H. MALONE, } Com.
B. D. HOWARD,

The report was spoken to by H. T. Williams, T. B. Hill, J. E. Smith and J. C. Caddell, and adopted.

R. H. Marsh read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The best reason for Mission work, is not the good it may do others or ourselves, but the command of the Master. "The love of Christ" must be the constraining power of action. The "field is the world"—not to be divided up among or apportioned to different generations, but to be occupied wholly by every generation.

Heretofore Providence may have excused us from full obedience to missionary orders; for opportunity, men and means were denied, at least in part. Now it is believed the command is attended by the necessary means and men to carry the Gospel into all the world. This duty is upon the Church and must be discharged by this generation, or the honor and privilege of Bible obedience will be forfeited. Under such sad circumstances of neglect it is confidently believed that the Heathen will fail of God's salvation, but what will become of His professed servants for persistent disobedience is not so clear. "Ye knew your duty, but did it not" will be a fearful charge to meet in judgment. The past year our contributions—an unmistakable evidence of prayer and interest—amounted to over $130,000. That was the best our Southern Baptists have ever done in the Foreign field. We have 85 churches and a membership of 3,433, with 581 additions last year. In the Treasurer's last annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention it is said, "of all the funds received at this office 92 cents on the dollar went to the missionaries, ONLY 8 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR WAS USED FOR ALL EXPENSES HERE; and this includes interest (on debt) and also the cost of the Woman's Missionary Union in Baltimore." Next year this Association is asked to raise $400 to continue the work in its present proportion. Your Committee thinks this amount can be easily raised by about 4000 members. We are glad to note a healthy interest in this great work; but we are not doing our best, and most respectfully urge God's appointed leaders in the Church, the Pastors and Deacons, to more and more press upon the churches their real God given work of preaching the Gospel to every creature.

R. H. MARSH,
E. A. HOWARD, } Com.
S. R. O'BRIANT,

The time for discussion of Foreign Missions was given to R. J. Willingham, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, who made a powerful speech in its behalf. Report was adopted.

The roll of churches was called to see how much each church would *try* to raise. Following responded:

Amis Chapel,	State Missions,	$10 00;	Foreign Missions,	——
Antioch,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	$10 00
Bethany,	"	"	15 00;	"	"	——
Concord,	"	"	15 00;	"	"	15 00
Corinth,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	5 00

Enon,	State	Missions,	10 00,	Foreign	Missions,	15 00
F. R. Union,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	5 00
Florence Ave.,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	5 00
Grassy Creek,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	10 70
Hester's,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	10 00
Island Creek,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	20 00
Mill Creek,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	15 00
Mt. Zion,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	12 00
Olive Branch,	"	"	8 00;	"	"	8 00
Oxford,	"	"	25 00;	"	"	50 00
Pleasant Grove,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	5 00
Rock Spring,	"	"	8 00;	"	"	12 00
Roxboro,	"	"	35 00;	"	"	35 00
Stovall,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	15 00

Other churches agreed to do their best.

C. Durham moved that a cash collection be taken for State and Foreign Missions, one half to be given to each. $7.59 was thus raised and handed to the Treasurer.

Association adjourned, after prayer by P. H. Fontaine.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock, and J. J. Lansdell offered prayer.

P. H. Fontaine read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has for its work the preaching of the Gospel among our native white people in destitute sections, and among the Indians, negroes and foreign population; also the building of houses of worship. Its field of labor comprises the Southern States and Cuba. The report of its operation for the year ending May 1st, 1895, is as follows:

Number of missionaries 425, an increase of 44 over last year. Baptized 5921, an increase of 451 over last year. Cash receipts $88,640,20, an increase of $15,319,29 over last year. Of this amount North Carolina gave $3,357.95. Paid on house of worship in New Orleans $9.476,50, and for church building at other points $2,386,62. Total $11,862,12. After paying missionaries, April 1st, its indebtedness was $23,000, which, on May 1st, had been reduced to $1,100 with a a balance of $109,06 in the treasury.

P. H. FONTAINE,
E. H. PRUITT, Com.
W. B. ROYSTER,

C. Durham spoke to this report, after which it was adopted.

On motion the regular order was suspended to hear from W. C. Tyree, President of the Ministers' Relief Board. He said:

"This board of the Convention is located in Durham. One third of all funds contributed is invesied in permanent interest bearing funds. We have $1000,00 invested in good real estate security. Two thirds are distributed among the beneficiaries, of whom we have 13. We are anxious to have all churches take one public collection each year. This is an object to which people contribute readily and liberally. I appeal to the delegates of the Flat River Association to help us."

H. T. Williams was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention for 1896, with J. S. Hardaway, alternate.

On motion of J. A. Beam, Rev. P. H. Fontaine was instructed to send a copy of the introductory sermon to the "Recorder" for publication.

M. P. Davis, of the Committee, read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education and religion are the pillars of the best civilization and we, as christians, ought to encourage, help, and strengthen all efforts which are put forth for their extension.

The purpose of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, with which we co-operate, is to aid needy young men of promise, who are anxious for an education and who have proved themselves, in the eves of the brethren, by their lives, to have been called to the work of the ministry. There were more than fifty young ministers at Wake Forest during the past year, thirty six of whom were aided by the Board. At Bethel Hill there were fifteen ministers, a part of whom were aided by churches of this Association. There are a great number who are asking for help and who cannot be aided for lack of money.

Brethren, ought we not to give them every advantage possible before they enter upon their life work? The Board is in debt and hopes to pay out by Sept. 1st. Can it not be done? Only a mite from each member and the debt will be paid. We would recommend that each Sunday School take a collection every month for this work.

For boys and girls fine educational advantages are offered by Rev. J. A. Beam at Bethel Hill, N. C.

The Baptist Female University has not yet opened, but is making rapid progress and it is hoped that the buildings will be com-

pleted and the University opened with a hundred thousand dollars endowment by Sept. 1st, 1896.

To the girls we have in our midst, we recommend Oxford Female Seminary, a school of high grade, and managed by one of the foremost educators of the South, President F. P. Hobgood.

M. P. DAVIS,
B. F. HESTER, } Com.

Dr. John Mitchell spoke on Ministerial Education, and asked the churches what each would try to raise for the object. Following responded:

Amis Chapel, $5.00; Antioch, $5.00; Bethany, $5.00: Bethel $5.00; Concord, $7.00; Flat River Union, $5.00; Florence Avenue, $2 00; Island Creek, $5.00; Mill Creek, $10.00; Mt. Zion, $5.00; Olive Branch, $12.00; Oxford, $20.00; Roxboro, $15.00; Rock Spring, $5.00; Stovall, $5.00. Other churches promised to do their best.

J. Hartwell Edwards ably presented the claims of the Baptist Woman's College at Raleigh, N. C.

P. H. Fontaine spoke on behalf of Bethel Hill Institute.

W. L. Poteat spoke on general education. After further discussion by F. P. Hobgood, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted, and is, herein appended.

J. A. Stradley led in prayer and the Association adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

AUGUST 15, 1895.

The Association having re-assembled at 9:50 o'clock, J. G. Blalock, Rockingham, N. C., conducted devotional exercises.

The proceedings of Wednesday were read and approved. The roll of delegates was called, revealing the non-attendance of forty-four delegates. The Moderator remarked upon the evil effect of absences, and urged upon the Association the importance of having delegates sent who will attend the whole session.

G. T. Watkins read the following.

REPORT ON THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE.

God in his love and mercy towards man seems to be peculiarly blessing this part of the great benevolent work of the Baptists of North Carolina. From the very birth of this charitable institution the hand of God has been upon it, and with pride, and en-

couragement for the future, do we trace its short life and history. Day by day and year by year this work is assuming larger proportions, and under the fostering care of the Baptists of the State is destined to become more and more efficient in its work.

During the past year 133 children were cared for. These little ones coming from all parts of our State find here not only a home with substantial food and warm clothing, but also willing hands and ready hearts to teach them what life is and who God is, thus preparing them to fight the great battle of life, and for the sowing of that seed which shall blossom into life eternal. We recommend that, as an Association, we strive to make the coming year the banner year in our history in the Orphange.

G. T. WATKINS,
F. P. HOEGOOD, } Com.
W. T. HUNT.

Interesting speeches on this subject were made by J. Hartwell Edwards, Dr. John Mitchell, R. W. Cridlin, R. Peed, P. W. Duncan, L. W. Bagley and J. J. Meadows, and the report was adopted.

A cash collection, amounting to $4 44, was taken.

The regular order was suspended to hear from the Creedmoor church, arm of Concord, which was recently finished and is in debt. Through P. H. Fontaine appeal was made to the Association, and churches agreed to raise the following amounts:

Amis Chapel, $5.00; Bethel, $7 50; Concord, $25 00; Enon, $7 50; Mill Creek, $5 00; Roxboro, $5 00. J. A. Stradley paid $2 00.

J. A. Stradley read the

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Flat River Association only lacks one of having as many Sabbath Schools as she has churches. And yet, there is not a single church in the Association that is doing what she ought to do in this work. The attendance is not half what it ought to be. How can we get the people to attend Sabbath School, is the great question that we need to study and answer. The children will go if their parents will let them. But how are we to get, and keep, the grown people in our schools? Can not superintendents and teachers do something to make the schools more interesting and attractive? God's Word is the foundation of all christian prosperity. How can any one claiming to be a christian be indifferent to its study? We need help in studying these lessons. These helps we can get from A. J. Rowland, 142 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

or from T. P. Bell, Nashville, Tenn., or the literature of either those from the "Baptist Book-Store," Raleigh, N. C.

J. A. STRADLEY,
W. H. CUTTS,
SMITH HUMPHRIES, } Com.

The report was adopted after discussion by J. A. Stradley, T. B. Hill, J. J. Meadows, J. S. Hardaway, J. H. Edwards and A. C. Parham.

J. S. Hardway, in behalf of the Fifth Sunday Meeting, Committee, reported that meetings had been held on each fifth Sunday during past year; that they had proven interesting and profitable, and that the prospect was very encouraging.

J. A. Stradley moved that H. T. Williams, G. T. Watkins and T. H. Street be the Committee for conducting the Fifth Sunday Meeting the next year.

At the request of the Moderator, P. H. Fontaine handed in the following

RESOLUTION ON TEMPERANCE.

Believing that the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is one of the greatest evils of the present time, we would recommend that all, especially christians, abstain altogether from its use as a beverage; and that we use our influence to prohibit its use as a beverage in our country.

Which, after discussion by P. H. Fontaine, R. Peed and J. A. Stradley, was adopted.

The report on Time, Place and Preacher was read by the Clerk, which, after discussion by P. H. Fontaine, T. B. Hill, J. A. Stradley and Dr. Sandeford, and amendment, was adopted as follows:

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, the Committee recommend that the next Association be held on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1896; that Stovall Baptist Church be the place, and that the introductory sermon be preached by Rev. G. T. Watkins.

S. H. GREEN,
HOWARD DORSEY, } Com.
M. H. VEAZEY,

J. S. Hardaway offered the following resolution, which, having been spoken to by J. S. Hardaway and A. C. Parham, was adopted:

WHEREAS, We believe it to be for the best interests of the Flat

River Association that the committees that report on Foreign Missions, State Missions, Home Missions, Education, Ministers Relief Fund, and the Orphanage, should be appointed a year before hand. Therefore

RESOLVED 1st. That we hereafter appoint these committees at the session previous to the one at which they shall report.

2nd. That the chairman of these respective committees be expected to speak to his report—his speech not to exceed 30 minutes.

J. J. Meadows, H. T. Shanks and F. W. Hancock were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, which meets at Greensboro, N. C.

G. T. Watkins moved that the Clerk be allowed $15.00 for his services.

J. A. Stradley offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote of the Association:

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to Concord church, and the people of Creedmore and community for their cordial hospitality during her present session.

Then, after prayer by G. T. Watkins, the Association adjourned to meet with the Stovall Baptist church, Granville county, N. C., on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in August, 1896.

A. C. PARHAM, Moderator.

W. L. FOUSHEE, Clerk.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Fifth Sunday Meeting—H. T. Williams, G. T. Watkins, and T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—H. T. Williams. Alternate, J. S. Hardaway.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—J. J. Meadows, H. T. Shanks, and F. W. Hancock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.		Officers	Teachers	Pupils	Av. attendance	Months	Collections
Amis' Chapel	A. D. Frazier	Buchanon,	N. C.	4	3	50	40	8	$5 00
Antioch	G. W. Denny	Roxboro,	"	3	5	45	30	9	3 27
Bethany	L. D. Yeazey	Moriah,	"	3	2	17			
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Mayo,	Va.	5	6	104	54	12	57 25
*Concord	Ralph Currin	North Side,	N. C	3	5	40	25	9	4 00
Corinth	J. B. Elliot	Clay,	"	3	4	40	25	9	
†Enon	E. A. Howard	Bulbroth,	"	2	5	56	63	12	47 04
Fellowship	T. M. Thomasson	Beck,	"	6	5	40	30	3	5 00
Flat River Union	S. W. Waller	Knapp of Reeds,	"	3	4	40	30	12	
Florence Avenue	Rufus Amis	Virgilina,	Va.	2	3			12	
Grassy Creek	J. L. Pittard	Adoniram,	N. C.	3	2	28	22	9	1 17
Hester's	L. Knott	Sunset,	"	4	6	60	34	12	32 92
Island Creek	J. L. Wilson	Williamsboro,	"	8	8	150	125	9	
Mary's Chapel									
Mill Creek	H. F. Link	Daysville,	"	7	5	70	50	12	7 09
Mountain Creek	J. A. Watkins	Cornwall,	"	3	4	50	35	8	2 34
Mount Harmony									
Mount Zion	J. E. Currin	Berea,	"	3	5	68	45	12	
New Light									
Olive Branch	S. D. Pool	Yancey,	"	2	4	55	30		5 40
Olive Grove									
Oxford	E. T. Rawlins	Oxford,	"	5	7	89		12	48 52
Peace Chapel	J. T. Williams	Kittrell,	"	4	4	51	30		2 00
Pleasant Grove	W. J. Rogers	Mt. Energy,	"	7	6	60	40	12	
Poplar Creek	A. J. Wright	Dabney,	"	3	5	40	28	12	11 75
Providence	G. W. Buchanon	Roxboro,	"	2	4	50	25	8	
Rock Spring	C. Gordon	Woodworth,	"	3	4	57	35	9	5 57
†Roxboro	T. H. Street	Roxboro,	"	5	6	66	40	12	63 03
Snow Hill									
State Line	T. A. Royster	Bullock,	"	6	10	66	40	12	9 18
Stovall	T. W. Stovall	Stovall,	"	3	5	46	30	12	12 87
Tally Ho	W. F. Washington	Stems,	"	4	4	24	24	12	3 06

*Enon has branch school at Tar River Academy; ‡Concord has branch school at Creedmoor, Dr. J. Sandeford, Supt.; 30 pupils. †Roxboro has two branch schools: Long's Chapel, E. D. Cheek, Supt., 33 pupils; and Pass' Mill, T. H. Street, Supt., 60 pupils.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE			DECREASE			Total Membership	Gain	Loss
	Baptized	Restored.	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Died			
Amis' Chapel,	4		3	3	2	4	148		7
Antioch,	7		3	2	2	2	84	4	
Bethany,		2		1	9		65		8
Bethel,	3	1	3	1	8		151		2
Concord,				1		2	133		3
Corinth,	24		1	7	5	3	156	10	
Enon,	2	3	11		11		174	7	
Fellowship,	4			1	4	1	98		2
Flat River Union,	6		3		4	3	145	2	
Florence Avenue,			6	2	2		64	2	
Grassy Creek,	1	2	1	1	9	3	185		9
Hester's,	5	2	6	1	10		197	2	
Island Creek,	23		2	2	8	1	210	14	
Mary's Chapel,	3					1	42	2	
Mill Creek,		2	4	5	2	1	188		2
Mountain Creek,	28	2	1	5	11	3	249	20	
Mount Harmony,	3	1	2	3	1		67	2	
Mount Zion,	7	2	8	5	6	3	231	3	
New Light,	3	1	1	68	3	4	66		67
Olive Branch,	14	1	1	2	4	2	141	8	
Olive Grove,	8		1	10	1	1	60		3
Oxford,	12		19		14	1	238	16	
Peace Chapel,	5		14		1	1	73	17	
Pleasant Grove,	7	2	1	2	1	1	115	6	
Poplar Creek,	5		2	1	20	1	120		15
Providence,	1	1		1	3	1	119		3
Rock Spring,	5		3	1	6	2	68		1
Roxboro,	2		11	1	4	1	104	7	
Snow Hill,									
State Line,	9	1	3	4	10	1	113		2
Stovall,	7		4	1	10	2	156		2
Tally Ho,	46	3	4	13	2	3	188	35	
Total	244	37	118	144	178	42	1448	157	126

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis' Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. W. Downey	Buchanon, N. C.	Saturday before 1st Sunday
Antioch	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro, "	G. W. Denny	Roxboro, "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before
Bethany	C. R. Hairfield	Greystone, Va.	R. L. Tilley	Hampton, "	2nd " " " "
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill, N. C.	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill, "	3rd " " " "
Concord	M. P. Davis	Creedmoor, "	J. D. Clark	Creedmoor, "	2nd " " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, "	A. A. Overton	Clay, "	2nd " " " "
Enon	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill, "	R. M. Currin	Oxford, "	4th " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, "	T. H. Perry	Beck, "	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest, "	M. B. Walker	Knapp of Reeds, "	4th " " " "
Florence Avenue	H. T. Williams	Roxboro, "	Rufus Amis	Virgilina, Va.	1st " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram, N. C.	4th " " " "
Hester's	R. H Marsh	Oxford, "	N. J. Puckett	Sunset, "	2nd " " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " " "
Mary's Chapel	W. W. Wheelous	Grissom, "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom, "	1st " " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro, "	J. L. Gentry	Allensville, "	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek	J. T. Riddick	Bethel Hill, "	J. S. Eakes	Whetstone, "	3rd " " " "
Mount Harmony	J. T. Riddick	Bethel Hill, "	T. K. Jones	Surl, "	4th " " " "
Mount Zion	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	J. F. Meadows	Culbreth, "	1st " " " "
New Light	M. P. Davis	Creedmoor, "	A. B. Lassiter	New Light, "	Saturday before 1st Sunday
Olive Branch	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill, "	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock, "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before
Olive Grove	W. Y. Chappell	Flint, "	W. T. Perry	Roger's Store, "	2nd " " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford, "	J. H. Long	Oxford, "	Every Sun. morn & night.
Peace Chapel	T B. Hill	Blue Wing, "	H, F Jeffreys	Kittrell, "	4th Sunday and Sat. before
Pleasant Grove	J. E. Smith	Creedmoor, "	W. A Hester	Hester, "	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Poplar Creek	T. B. Hill	Blue Wing, "	P. E. Rowland	Carlton, "	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Providence	E. S Pierce	Bethel Hill, "	G. W. Buchanon	Roxboro, "	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Rock Spring	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	J. R. Turner	Woburn, "	4th Sunday and Sat. before
Roxboro	H. T. Williams	Roxboro, "	J. A. Noell	Roxboro, "	2nd & 4th Sundays & even'g
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville, "			
State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "	T. A. Royster	Bullock, "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	E. M. Hart	Dexter, "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before
Tally Ho	J. E Smith	Creedmoor, "	G. W. Royster	Hargrove, "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before

Report of H. M. Shaw, Treasurer Flat River Association.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fd.	Frn. Miss.	Home Miss.	State Miss.	Education.	Orphanage	Min. Rel'f.	Branch S S Fr. Miss.
Amis Chapel,	1 52	.....	.....	5 75	.....	5 00	....	....
Antioch,	1 50	2 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	....	....
Bethel,	2 00	.....	10 80	50	.....	.....	....	....
Bethany,	1 00	89	1 65	90	3 80	3 80	59	....
Corinth,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Concord,	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Enon,	2 00	7 30	13 60	11 70	3 55	12 80	....	....
Enon S. S.	.....	10 70	.....	....	.....	2 86	....	2 86
Florence Avenue,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 05	.....	....	....
Flat River Union,	1 00	.....	.....	4 35	.....	.....	....	....
Fellowship,	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Grassy Creek,	50	9 50	25	.....	.....	4 55	....	....
Hester's,	1 00	18 00	6 65	8 00	8 10	5 00	....	....
Hester's S. S.	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Island Creek,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Mt. Harmony,	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Mill Creek,	1 00	.....	3 00	.....	2 00	2 72	....	....
Mt. Zion,	1 50	40 15	13 25	11 75	9 00	17 75	....	....
Mt. Creek,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Mt. Creek S. S.	.....	2 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Mary's Chapel,	50	1 00	.....	48	.....	1 00	....	....
New Light,	75	1 05	.....	2 00	.....	.....	....	....
Olive Branch,	1 75	.....	6 25	6 50	.....	6 30	....	....
Olive Grove,	50	40	73	50	.....	2 40	....	....
Oxford,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Poplar Creek,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Poplar Creek, S. S.	.....	2 59	2 58	2 58	.....	.....	....	....
Providence,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	....	....
Pleasant Grove,	1 30	5 00	3 50	3 50	.....	3 00	....	...
Peace Chapel,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Roxboro,	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Rock Spring,	1 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
State Line,	1 00	3 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Stovall,	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Tally Ho,	1 72	2 00	30	.....	.....	11 25	....	....
Collection at Asso-	.....	3 79	.....	3 79	.....	.....	....	....
Total,	$37 84	$115 56	$62 56	$62 30	$29 75	$79 35	59	2 86

To amount collected at Association,	$390 81	
By am't. paid W. L. Foushee, Clerk,		$ 37 70
By am't. paid J. D. Boushall, Treas.,		273 62
By am't paid J. H. Mills, Supt.,		79 35
By am't paid postage,		14
	$390 81	$390 81

H. M. SHAW, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Church Expense	State missions	Home missions	Foreign missions	Education	Orphanage	Gospel missions	Poor	Minute & all other Objects
Amis' Chapel	$150	$160 00	$ 5 75	$ 5 00	.....	$ 2 40	$ 5 00	$ 10 00	$ 4 00	$ 1 52
Antioch	150	.....	3 60	3 25	$ 2 00	1 25	†	.....	.....	1 50
Bethany	.....	10 15	90	1 05	89	6 22	3 08	.....	.....	1 59
Bethel	200	12 32	9 59	10 88	.....	100 00	18 00	120 58	2 40	2 00
Bethel S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 76	2 90	.....	28 59
Concord	150	17 00	15 00	11 45	15 00	.....	14 50	.....	.....	1 50
Corinth	125	8 00	2 19	3 56	4 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Enon	200	30 00	11 70	13 60	15 42	3 55	12 80	.....	14 26	2 00
Enon S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 57	.....	34 19	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship	100	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 85	4 00	1 60
F. R. Union	125	.....	14 70	5 55	6 00	11 00	9 95	.....	6 00	1 00
Florence Avenue	150	10 00	5 00	4 27	4 89	2 05	6 15	.....	.....	9 00
Grassy Creek	200	37 00	6 35	8 90	9 50	3 26	4 55	.....	4 75	50
Hester's	200	10 00	8 00	6 65	18 00	8 10	5 00	.....	.....	1 00
Hester's S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek	200	30 00	6 03	6 40	22 47	3 70	7 00	.....	10 00	1 50
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	48	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	50
Mill Creek	200	6 80	7 95	3 00	6 60	2 00	2 72	.....	.....	1 00
Mountain Creek	150	32 00	15 00	11 45	10 12	3 27	.....	22 50	.....	6 12
Mt. Creek S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Harmony	.....	5 00	1 09	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
Mt. Zion	200	365 44	11 75	13 25	40 15	9 00	17 75	3 00	24 00	1 80
Slaughter fund	.....	.....	300 00	.....	200 00	.....	.....	131 67	.....	
New Light	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Olive Branch	100	19 71	6 50	6 25	8 82	15 71	6 30	.....	7 80	1 75
Olive Grove	.....	.....	50	73	40	.....	2 40	.....	.....	5 0
Oxford	900	210 00	16 00	21 00	43 50	20 00	25 35	.....	10 80	7 0 0
Peace Chapel	100	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	11 00
Pleasant Grove	100	.....	3 50	3 50	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	6 60	1 39
Poplar Creek	150	90	.....	.....	7 28	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 09
Poplar Creek S S	.....	.....	2 58	2 58	2 59	.....	5 50	.....	.....	
Providence	.....	.....	.....	2 81	.....	.....	90	.....	3 39	
Rock Spring	100	18 50	6 89	5 75	11 15	4 20	3 84	.....	6 25	1 00
§Roxboro	400	88 13	35 00	18 00	62 64	15 58	23 85	.....	.....	7 31
Roxboro S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 47	.....	.....	.....
State Line	125	67 84	6 68	7 25	3 85	3 75	3 80	.....	.....	1 08
Stovall	150	22 00	5 00	4 40	13 10	5 25	4 21	.....	.....	1 25
Tally Ho	150	6 00	2 52	4 65	2 00	2 85	11 25	.....	10 00	1 72
Collec. at Asso.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 44	.....	.....	.....
Total	4775 00	1225 85	511 56	176 08	553 09	254 06	269 81	304 50	113 65	190 58

†10 1-2 bushels wheat. §Woman's Aid Society raised and contributed for various objects $20.

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Oxford Baptist Church p. 1-2

MINUTES

—OF THE—

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Flat River

Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

STOVALL BAPTIST CHURCH,

GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.

August 11th, 12th, and 13th, '96.

ODERATOR, B. S. ROYSTER, - - Oxford, N. C.
LERK, W. L. FOUSHEE, - - - Roxboro, N. C.
REASURER, H. M. SHAW, - - Oxford, N. C.

ROXBORO, N. C.
NOELL BROS., JOB PRINTERS.
1896.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Rev. J. W. Atkinson,	Neuse,	N. C.
" J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill,	"
" W. Y. Chappell,	Flint,	"
" M. P. Davis,	Creedmoor,	"
" R. I. Devin,	Oxford,	"
" M. H. Ellen,	Durham,	"
" P. H. Fontaine,	Bethel Hill,	"
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford,	"
" T. B. Hill,	Blue Wing,	"
" R. H. Jones,	Bethel Hill,	"
" J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro,	"
" R. H. Marsh, D. D.,	Oxford,	"
" H. H. Mashburn,	Wake Forest,	"
" E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	"
" E. Y. Pool,	Wake Forest,	"
" J. T. Riddick,	Bethel Hill,	"
" J. E. Smith,	Creedmoor,	"
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	"
" G. T. Watkins,	Roxboro,	"
" Z. H. Wheelous,	Grissom,	"
" H. T. Williams,	Roxboro,	"

LICENTIATES.

J. W. Downey,	Bethel Hill.	N. C.
J. H. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,	"
C. R. Taylor,	Wake Forest,	"

SKETCH OF OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH.

WRITTEN BY REV. R. I. DEVIN.

The pastor of this church deemed it to be a suitable time, at the opening of this new house of worship, to have a short historical address on the origin and organization of the Oxford Baptist church. I was requested to perform this service, in as much as I was instrumental under God in gathering and constituting the church, consequently, I have a more accurate knowledge of its early movements than any other person now living; and I may be permitted to say that I am at the present time the only individual belonging to this church who was a constituent member at its organization, and having labored as pastor during a number of the best years of my life to promote its growth and prosperity, I still feel, in old age, a deep and abiding interest in the success of the Baptist church in the town of Oxford.

In 1846 I was appointed by the Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention to labor within the bounds of the Flat River Asssociation. Oxford was particularly designated as an important point for the Baptists to occupy and I was specially requested to make a preaching station to build up the Baptist cause, and establish, if possible a Baptist church. Oxford was represented in the meeting of the Board as a lovely place, containing some seven hundred inhabitants, with good schools and an intelligent and refined citizenship.

The first place I visited in the county of Granville was Oxford on the first of November, 1846, (50 years ago) While there were many Baptists in the county of Granville, there were very few in the town of Oxford, from the fact that no efforts had ever been made to build up the Baptist cause in the town. I found one Brother (Wm. Hunter) and five sisters (Louisa House, Margaret Grice, C. R. Herndon, Ianna Burnett and Anna Whitamore,) who were willing to co-operate with me in efforts to build up the Baptist cause in the town. There were quite a number of persons living in the place who were Baptists in sentiment. How shall we proceed? Where shall we hold our services? were important questions. We have no house of worship—the court house is not a very suitable place of worship. The outlook for establishing a Baptist church in the town of Oxford, in the near future, was indeed gloomy. In our perplexity as to the place where to hold our services, the Presbyterian brethren came to our aid and generously tendered their house of worship for our use at any time except the second and fourth Sundays in each month; these days were occupied by their pastor, Rev. Jacob Doll, a godly man, who cordially approved of the arrangement. The offer was thankfully accepted and I filled their pulpit for a considerable time without the least jar, until our own house of worship was ready for occupation. In the meantime a subscription paper was circulated to raise funds to build a church house for the Baptists. The amount subscribed was utterly inadequate to build such a house as we desired. At this crisis Mr. R. N. Herndon came to our assistance, proposing to take the subscriptions, whatever they might be, much or little, and build up a good house of worship upon his own responsibility. Mr. Herndon gave the ground and $2,000, receiving very little from the subscriptions, and then he donated the house, lot and all to the Baptists. Mr. Herndon was a wealthy, public-spirited man and a strong friend of the Baptists, though not himself a member of the church. He began to build in 1847 and completed the house in 1848, which was dedicated to the worship of God July, 1848. Dr. Wm Hooper preached the sermon on the occasion. On September 2 1848, the church was duly organized by Elders J. B. Jeter, D. D., and Robt. I. Devin with fifteen members, four males and eleven females

At the first church conference after its constitution (the 30th September, 1848) I was chosen pastor, which position I held some nine years. The little band labored and sacrificed, amid difficulties and discouragements in building up the cause of Christ, neither asking for nor receiving any pecuniary aid from any Board after the church was organized. Trusting in God for help we pressed forward increasing gradually in membership and efficiency, and in the course of a few years, the church went up in numbers from fifteen to eighty members.

"The Lord has been with us, and He is still with us, and He has promised to be with us to the end."

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give the christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of the benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Asssociation shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of constitution.

MINUTES.

STOVALL, N. C., August 11, 1896.

The Flat River Baptist Association met to-day at 11 o'clock in its one hundred and third annual session with Stovall Baptist Church, and was called to order by A. C. Parham, Moderator of the previous session.

The introductory sermon was delivered by G. T. Watkins, of Roxboro, N. C., from Acts 10: 38;—"who went about doing good." Subject:—"How to serve God."

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association assembled in regular session. Devotional exercises were led by H. T. Williams, Roxboro, N. C.

Brethren T. B. Hill and B. S. Royster, being appointed Reading clerks, the roll of churches was called, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS' CHAPEL—W. G. Rogers,* A. H. Garner, J. W. Downey.

ANTIOCH—No letter.

BETHANY—A. S. Carrington, W. H. Copley,* J. T. Newton.

BETHEL—T. D. Woody, J. H. Humphries,* J. N. Ranes.*

CONCORD—T. B. Lyon,* W. B. Currin,* S. N. Goss.*

CORINTH—J. S. Gordon, J. P. Buchanan,* S. H. Usry.*

CREDMOOR—J. E. Freeman,* J. F. Sandeford.*

ENON—J. P. Cannaday,* E. K. Howard, J. M. Phipps.

FELLOWSHIP—W. S. Beck,* T. M. Thomason, M. F. Adcock.*

FLAT RIVER UNION—Pervis Tilly, L. A. Roycroft,* J. F. Green.

FLORENCE AVENUE—Rufus Amis,* J. B. Tuck,* Ralph Currin.

GRASSY CREEK—Robert Davis, J. L. Clark, H. M. Tally.

HESTERS—E. H. Pruitt, J. H. Morris, Lawson Knott.

Island Creek—J. G. Morgan, D. W. Knott, R. A. Evans.*

Mary's Chapel—J. Z. Allen, Obed Wheelous.

Mill Creek—S. R. Chambers,* J. W. Clayton,* L. K. Buchanon.

Mountain Creek—J. E. Frazier, W. J. Downey,* J. S. Eakes.*

Mt. Harmony—D. E. Peed,* I. A. Humphries,* S. E. Peed.

Mt. Zion—W. R. Cox, J. T. Reagan, B. D. Howard.

New Light—J. H. Lee,* R. T. Keith,* W. A. King.

Olive Branch—E. Y. Pool, G. W. Stovall,* T. N. Oakley.*

Olive Grove—E. M. Perry,* T. A. Sheron,* Nat. Keith.*

Oxford—A. C. Parham, H. J. Council, B. S. Royster.

Peace Chapel—W. W. Dickerson,* J T. Williams, J. C. Tippett.

Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, R. H. Rogers, I. J. Odear.*

Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, James Greenway, Stephen Green.

Providence—No letter.

Rock Spring—B. F. Knott,* F. D. Harris,* T. J. Richardson.*

Roxboro—W. L. Foushee, W. W. Kitchin, J. J. Lansdell.

Snow Hill—P. H. Griffin,* S. T. Slaughter,* P. G. Montague.*

State Line—W. S. Gordon, W. B. Royster, J. S. Royster.*

Stovall—G. W. Hart, J. W. Stovall, G. O'Brien.

Tally Ho—J. C. Washington,* H. M Bragg,* J. E. Duncan.

Election of officers being in order, Moderator A. C. Parham, having been an officer of the Association for twenty-one years, declined to allow the consideration of his name for re-election. B. S. Royster was put in nomination and the Clerk instructed to cast the ballot for him. The present encumbents, W. L. Foushee, Clerk and H. M. Shaw, Treasurer were re-elected.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and invited to seats in our midst: J. B. Boone, General Manager of the Thomasville Orphanage; J. W. Bailey, Editor of The Biblical Recorder; J. C. Caddell, Agent for The Biblical Recorder; John Mitchell, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education; W. C. Johnson, of South Side Academy, Chase City, Va; J. E. White,

*Absent.

Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention; G. W. Cobb, of the North Carolina Baptist.

The Moderator announced that the following Committees had been appointed:

Foreign Missions—W. W. Kitchin, J. B. Elloit, Ralph Currin.

State Missions—P. H. Fontaine, Chairman.

Home Missions—M. P. Davis, "

Education—H. T. Williams, "

Sunday Schools—T. H. Street, "

Orphanage—J. A. Beam.

Periodicals—F. W. Hancock, F. Knott, E. K. Howard.

Temperance—B. D. Howard, J. A. Stradley.

The Committee on Order of Business was appointed to consist of J. S. Hardaway, B. D. Howard, Lawson Knott. This Committee immediately offered their report which adopted thus:

Tuesday—3 to 4 o'clock p. m., Orphanage.

Wednesday—a. m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Home Missions.

From 11 to 11:30 o'clock, Periodicals.

From 11:30 to 12:30 State Missions.

Adjournment till 2 p. m.

From 2 to 3 p. m., Foreign Missions.

From 3 to 4 o'clock, Education.

Thursday—a. m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Ministerial Relief.

From 11 to 12 o'clock, Sunday Schools.

From 12 to 12:30 o'clock, Temperance.

The report on Orphanage not being in hand, J. B. Boone General Manager of Orphanage was invited to address the body. Among other things he said:

"The support of the Orphanage for the past year has been liberal. We lacked only $3.27 of raising enough to pay current expenses. Besides this we have raised a considerable part of the fund for the Central Building. And we have taken care of more orphans by 11 than in any previous year. We closed the year with 144. The health of the Orphanage has been excellent. We have been almost exempt from any serious sickness during the year. The contract for the Central Building will be let out this week, and the work will commence at once. Our Central Building will give us an increased capacity for 80 more orphans, which will

enable us to take 200. The amount to erect the proposed building has not been entirely raised; we need funds and we sincerely hope that every church in the Association will raise for it a contribution. This increased capacity of course will demand an increased amount for current expenses. We suggest that all our churches and Sunday schools contribute to our current fund regularly.

J. C. Caddell spoke earnestly in commendation of the work of Manager Boone and his wife. J. E. Smith also discussed the Orphanage.

R. H. Marsh offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Flat River Association accepts the proposition of the Orphanage to place a monumental tablet in the Central Building at Thomasville Orphanage in lieu of the Flat River Building for which funds have been contributed.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to locate the tablet and to prepare a suitable inscription.

After discussion by R. H. Marsh, J. A. Beam, B. D. Howard, T. B. Hill, it was adopted.

R. H Marsh, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Stradley were appointed a Committee to arrange the Tablet.

T. B. Hill moved that this Committee report to this session of the Association with regard to the inscription.

The following was adopted:

THE REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We turn our eyes with peculiar delight to the Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the 144 orphans provided for there last year. This grand institution was never so prosperous as now and never so dear to hearts of our people. The erection of the Central Building promises a great blessing to the institution and our denomination as it affords an opportunity for us to give and greatly increases the facilities for more and better work. The Orphanage is ours, the officers and teachers are ours. As such we owe them our sympathy, our love, our prayers and our support. J. A. BEAM,
Chairman.

A. C. Parham moved that a Committee on Family Prayers and Private Devotion be appointed.

The Moderator announced that the Presbyterian brethren of Stovall had offered the use of their church to the Association; and appointed the Pastor and Deacons of this church a committee to arrange religious exercises during the sitting of the Association.

W. C. Johnson made remarks concerning South Side Academy of Virginia.

J. B. Boone urged the claims of The Charity and Children.

The Association adjourned after benediction by J. E. White.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

AUGUST 12th, 1896.

The Association reassembled at 9:30 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. Smith, Creedmoor, N. C. The Minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

Committees on Time, Place and Preacher consisting of B. D. Howard, A. S. Carrington, and W. A. Hester, and on Family Prayers and Private Devotion consisting of A. C. Parham, G. W. Hart and J. G. Morgan were announced.

In absence of Report on Home Missions, G. T. Watkins moved that Periodicals be considered. The Clerk then read the following:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The interest which we as Baptists feel in our denominational work depends largely upon the amount of information which we have received concerning it—and in this direction good periodicals are helpful and, therefore, indispensable. They are the great disseminators of information, and thus they are the great educators of our people.

As Baptists, we need at our firesides, where the young of our denomination may read them, sound, vigorous, fearless periodicals, which should always be faithful and able defenders and promoters of our interest. Such as these will inform them of the needs of our people and of the work which we as God's children are attempting to accomplish. By imparting such instruction they will elevate and improve them.

Believing that it will have this effect and be helpful to every Baptist who aims at a high degree of influence and usefulness, your Committee would most earnestly recommend the Biblical Recorder, the N. C. Baptist, Charity and Children, the periodicals issued by the Home and Foreign Mission Board, Our Young Peoples Paper, published at Nashville, Tenn., by the Sunday School Board, and our Sunday School literature, published both at Nashville and Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,
F. W. HANCOCK,
F. KNOTT, } Com.
E. K. HOWARD.

This report was discussed by J. W. Bailey editor of Biblical Recorder; G. W. Cobb of North Carolina Baptist; J. B. Boone of Charity and Children; and J. C. Caddell of Biblical Recorder and was adopted.

P. E. Fitcher, of Scottsburg, Va., was recognized and welcomed.

J. A. Stradley announced that P. E. Fitcher would preach at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock.

On motion the subject of State Missions was taken up instead of Home Missions and P. H. Fontaine read the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

According to the minutes of the N. C. Baptist State Convention for 1895 the statistics of State Missions are as follows:

Missionaries, 106; sermons preached, 20934; addresses delivered, 21303; mission churches, 335; out stations supplied, 1246; baptisms, 1768; added by letter, 1263; new churches constituted, 56; new Sunday schools constituted, 187; pages of tracts and other religious literature distributed by the Cor. Secretary, 25000; receipts, $11.-402.58; disbursements, $11.092.36; balance on hand, $310.22.

The Board is trying to raise $15.000 for this year. At the last meeting of this Association the churches reported $511.56 for State Missions.

P. H. FONTAINE, Ch'mn.

This report was discussed by J. E. White and W. C. Johnson.

Roll of churches was called and churches agreed to try to raise the following amounts for State Missions: Amis' Chapel $10, Bethel $10, Bethany $5, Concord $10, Florence Avenue $5, Flat River Union $10, Hester's $10, Island Creek $10, Oxford $25, Pleasant Grove $5, Stovall $10, Tally Ho $5, Wm. R. Cox $5; while other churches promised to raise "all we can."

On motion a cash collection was taken and $6.47 raised for State Missions. The report was then adopted.

J. A. Beam, about to leave, urged the claims of Bethel Hill Institute.

T. B. Hill moved that a Colportage System be established and a committee be appointed to report on same. The Moderator appointed T. B. Hill, P. H. Fontaine, G. W. Wright as committee.

R. H. Marsh from Committe on Orphanage Tablet Inscription made a report, which after discussion by F. P. Hobgood, R. H. Marsh, and J. S. Hardaway, and amendment, was adopted to read as follows:

"This Tablet is placed here to perpetuate the history of the liberality of the Flat River Association towards the Orpanage in contributing funds for a Flat River building."

On motion of H. T. Williams A. C. Parham was elected delegate to the Scuthern Baptist Convention.

B. D. Howard, W. W. Kitchin, F. P. Hobgood were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

F. P. Hobgood moved that the Clerk be instructed to secure and insert in the Minutes a sketch of Oxford church prepared by Rev. R. I. Devin.

The Association was dismissed for recess with prayer by John Mitchell.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association on reassembling was led in prayer by H. T. Williams, Roxboro, N. C.

A letter was read from the Baptist church of Creedmoor, N. C., requesting admission to the Flat River Association. A. C. Parham, J. A. Stradley, G. T. Watkins, and H. T. Williams were named a committee to examine into the articles of faith of this church. Upon a satisfactory report of the Committee, on motion the Creedmoor church was admitted into full fellowship.

Foreign Missions being the next subject in order the following report was read, which, after discussion by J. E. White, P. H. Fontaine, J. S. Hardaway, and T. B. Hill, was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ is the great Commissioner. To those who follow Him He says: "As my Father hath sent me even so send I you." "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." An anti-mission church is an anti christian church. For that the Gospel is for all men is a truth not secondary—something that may or may not be inferred after one has accepted Christianity but it is vital, central, interwoven in the very character of Christianity. One cannot really accept it at all without accepting this with it. Every Christian is a missionary. He may have been reared in a Christian land, nurtured in a Christian home, or he may have been born a pagan and "suckled on a creed outworn," but if he has been born again and has felt the throb of Christ life he cannot avoid the obligation of giving the Gospel to those without it.

Your Committee reports that under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention we have 118 missionaries including native missionaries, and we are rejoiced to report that never before in the history of our work has God so signally blessed the work of our missionaries in the foreign fields. For last year 735 baptisms are reported. $102,056.15 was received by the Board for this work during last year. This lacked $3000 being as much as was expended. Your Committee urges that every pastor in the Flat River Association do his utmost to inform the people of the great need which exists in China, Japan, Italy, South America and Mexico, and bring our churches to that high point of service demanded by Christ from those who are His, for those for whom He died.

W. W. KITCHIN,
RALPH CURRIN,
J. B. ELLIOTT. } Com.

J. A. Stradley announced that Sister F. M. Meadows would meet on Thursday morning in Heggie's Hall all ladies interested in Ladies' Missionary Societies to discuss that work.

H. T. Williams of Committee read the sollowing:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The imperative necessity of an education for everybody is universally conceded. The question now is how to secure it, and what are the true conditions under which it can be acquired. We urge upon all our brethren their duty to give the fullest possible education to each child committed to their care. Every child should receive a business education, and primary schools and academies should be maintained. All who desire it should have Higher Education.

We highly commend Bethel Hill Institute, Oxford Female Seminary, and Wake Forest College in their respective work to the youths and parents of this Association as eminently worthy of their patronage. We are in hearty sympathy with the effort to establish at Raleigh the Baptist Female University, and commend it to the liberality of our churches.

We especially commend our work of aiding young men who feel called of God to preach the Gospel and who have not the necessary knowledge for the best work nor the means of obtaining it. We aided thirty five at Wake Forest last year, and several received assistance at Bethel Hill. We regret that a debt has been incurred at Wake Forest, and it seems now that we will have to refuse assistance to many for the coming session who really ought to be helped. We ask you to prayerfully consider your duty in this matter.

We desire to express ourselves as being unalterably opposed to being taxed to give Higher Education to a limited number of our youths who are abundantly able either at the time or aftewards to pay for their own higher education.

H. T. WILLIAMS, Ch'mn.

H. T. Williams, P. H. Fontaine, J. E. Smith, F. P. Hobgood, and John Mitchell discusseed the report.

John Mitchell, Secretary of the Board of Education called the roll of churches which agreed to try to raise amounts for Ministerial Education as follows:

Amis' Chapel $5, Bethany $5, Concord $5, Enon $5, Flat River Union $5, Florence Avenue $2, Grassy Creek $5, Hester's $5, Island Creek $5, Mill Creek $10, Mt. Zion $5, Oxford $20, Rock Springs $5, Roxboro $15, State Line $2.50, Stovall $5, Tally Ho $5.

The report was then adopted.

B. D. Howard of the Committee offered

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

We recommend Bethel Church as the place of meeting of the next Association and Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in July 1897, as the time, the introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. H. H. Mashburn; J. A. Stradley, alternate.

Respectfully submitted, B. D. HOWARD, W. A. HESTER, } Com.

Report was adopted.

Treasurer H. M. Shaw read his report, which was adopted, and which is herein appended.

J. A. Stradley announced preaching by H. T. Williams at night at this church.

The Association was dismissed with prayer by R. H. Marsh.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

AUGUST 13, 1896.

On the the reassembling of the Association at 9:30 o'clock J. W. Downey conducted devotional exercises.

The Clerk called the Association to order. A telegram from Moderator B. S. Royster explained his absence on the account of the death of his brother-in-law William Royall Hobgood. On motion, G. T. Watkins was chosen to act as Moderator.

The proceedings of Wednesday were read and approved. The roll of delegates was called and absences noted.

R. H. Marsh moved the adoption of the following :

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

RESOLVED, That the Flat River Association now in session hears with deep sorrow of the accidental death of Bro. William Royall Hobgood of Oxford, N. C., and that the delegates and friends, here assembled, express their tenderest and most profound sympathy for Prof. F. P. and Sister Hobgood, the father and mother. And that we earnestly pray that a kind Heavenly Father, will comfort and sustian each member of the stricken household upon whom this great bereavement so heavily falls.

R. H. MARSH, B. D. HOWARD, A. C. PARHAM, } Com.

Special prayer for the bereaved family was engaged in, led by Brother John Mitchell.

J. A. Stradley offered the

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF BOARD.

This Board was created by the Baptist State Convention, and

located in the town of Durham, for the purpose of aiding old and helpless ministers, who have worn themselves out in the ministry; and who, unless aided, must live and die destitute of the common comforts of life. The life of a minister is, as a rule, a life of poverty, leaving old age unprovided for. And yet, what class of men have been so helpful to others? This Board also helps the widows of the above described ministers. It is a noble work, and should share more largely in our attention, prayers, sympathies, and contributions.

The beneficiaries of this Board receive aid in the homes where they live. The Board decides who are worthy objects for aid, and distribute funds according to their needs. About eleven are now helped. These need more help, and twice or three times as many more need help, and ought to have it. Let every church take a part in this noble work.

J. A. STRADLEY,
G. W. WRIGHT, } Com.
H. T. SHANKS,

After discussion by J. A. Stradley, W. C. Johnson it was adopted.

In absence of the Committee the Clerk read the report on Sunday schools, which, after discussion by John Mitchell, and T. B. Hill, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to believe there is a gradual upward movement in our Sunday School work, but sorry to know there is not that progress that should be. The greatest hindrance to organized schools is poor teaching, which can be wonderfully helped by dividing the Association in districts of convenient size, and all teachers and superintendants meet together several times a year in teacher's meetings, the same to be conducted by competent men, and we further believe a large attendance in the Sunday School Chautauqua which meets annually, to be very stimulating and a great factor in removing the hindrance as named aforesaid.

T. H. STREET, Ch'mn.

The Clerk read the following :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

If our churches would come up to the full measurement of their duty in regard to temperance intemperance might be stayed. Let our churches cease to tolerate intemperance in their communion and let them as speedily as possible purge themselves of all members who drink intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and let it be seen that it is almost as impossible for a dram drinker to enter into Christ's visible kingdom here on earth (our churches) as it will be for him to enter into eternal life hereafter, and let our ministers and laymen do their duty against this wide spread sin of intemperance and a great deal will be done to bring about a sound and hearty public sentiment against this ruinous evil.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. HOWARD. } Com.
J. A. STRADLEY.

This report, after discussion by B. D. Howard, J. E. Smith,

A. C. Parham, P. H. Fontaine, J. M. Phipps, D. S. Lawrence, and J. J. Lansdell, was adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to insert a condensed statement from Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention concerning Home Missions in lieu of regular report.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

According to the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention: The Home Missions have been greatly blessed, and have only once before been able to report such results. One missionary, E. L. Campere, has fallen. There are 411 missionaries, 1626 churches and stations, 5617 baptisms, 6672 received by letter, 372 Sunday schools organized, 207 churches constituted, 92 church houses built, $86.209 was expended on church houses, 2595 Bibles distributed, and 726675 pages of tracts distributed. The Board begun the year with $1100 debt, and now (May 1, 1896) has $7950 of debt, but $5150 of this was for property in New Orleans and El Paso. The property of the Board is estimated at $104,580.

The Flat River Association reported only $176.08 for Home Missions last year.

A. C. Parham of the Committee read the following:

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYERS AND PRIVATE DEVOTION.

It has been truly said that prayer is the Christians vital breath, the soul's sincere desire. The Bible teaches us to pray in secret, to pray daily, to pray always, pray believing, and for all men. How important it is that we attend to this duty.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. PARHAM,
JNO. G. MORGAN, } Com.
G. W. HART.

Remarks were made by A. C. Parham, J. A. Stradley, H. T. Williams on this report and it was adopted.

H. T. Williams in behalf of Committee on Fifth Sunday Meetings reported that meetings had been regularly held except in December; and that the sessions had been pleasant and profitable. P. H. Fontaine commended these meetings.

It was moved that a Committee be appointed to continue the Fifth Sunday Meetings.

T. B. Hill offered the following report on Colportage which, after discussion by T. B. Hill, B. D. Howard, P. H. Fontaine, J. A. Stradley, J. E. Smith, D. S. Lawrence, R. H. Marsh, and after amendment, was adopted:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Knowing that there are in our Association many false teachers of God's word, viz: The Adventist, Mormans, Seventh Day Baptists, and Roman Catholics, we feel the pressing need of a colporter to work within the bounds of the Flat River Association, to help the pastors and churches, to meet and overcome the influ-

ence of these false teachers. We also are aware of the fact that there is a great deal of destitution in our Association which can only be met by the work of an earnest, active colporter.

We recommend that a committee of five, in or near Oxford, be appointed to secure money and to select and direct a colporter for the Flat River Association.

Respectfully submitted,
T. B. HILL,
P. H. FONTAINE, } Com.
G. W. WRIGHT.

The Moderator announced the chairmen of the Committees for the next meeting of the Association, the Committee on Fifth Sunday Meeting, and the Committee on Colportage all of which may be found below.

A. C. Parham moved that the Clerk be allowed $15 00 for his services.

A. C. Parham offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote :

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to Stovall church, and the people of Stovall and community for their cordial hospitality during her present session.

A letter was read from B. S. Royster, relative to the death of William Royall Hobgood; and on invitation Judge A. W. Graham gave the particulars of the sad accident.

The Doxology was then sung, prayer was offered by John Mitchell of Wake Forest, N. C., and the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July 1897, with Bethel church, Person County, N. C.

B. S. ROYSTER, Moderator.

W. L. FOUSHEE, Clerk.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.....R. H. Marsh, Chairman.
STATE " .....B. F. Hester, "
HOME " .....E. Y. Pool, "
EDUCATION.....J. E. Smith, "
SUNDAY SCHOOLS.....J. W. Downey, "
ORPHANAGE.....W. A. Malone, "
PERIODICALS.....J. J. Lansdell, "
TEMPERANCE.....Rufus Amis, "
MINISTERIAL RELIEF.....J. S. Hardaway, "
FAMILY PRAYERS.....B. S. Winston, "
FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS—R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley, J. S. Hardaway,
COLPORTAGE—B. F. Hester, A. C. Parham, J. M. Phipps, R. I. Devin, F. P. Hobgood.
ORPHANAGE TABLET—F. P. Hobgood, R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley.

CHURCHES	Minute Fd.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	F'rn. Miss.	Education	Orphanage	Min. Relief
Amis Chapel	1 50						
Antioch	1 50						
Bethel Hill	1 50	10 25					
Bethany	1 00	3 80			40	1 00	1 20
Corinth	1 00						
Concord	75						
Enon	1 50	14 13		15 25	4 80	10 35	
Enon S. S.				21 18			
Florence Avenue	1 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 48		
Flat River Union	1 00	4 85					
Fellowship	1 20						
Grassy Creek	1 00			5 50		7 47	
Hester's	1 20		6 10	8 40	4 55	5 40	
Hester's S. S.				5 00			
Island Creek	1 25						
Mt. Harmony	50						
Mill Creek	2 22						
Mt. Zion	90	13 09		23 79	10 25	22 69	
Mountain Creek	1 50						
Mary's Chapel	50		40	1 00		1 00	
New Light	50	5 00					
Olive Branch	1 00			2 00			
Olive Grove	65	1 40				1 20	
Oxford	2 00						
Poplar Creek	1 25			2 25		3 36	
Pleasant Grove	1 25	4 65					
Peace's Chapel	1 00		2 00				
Roxboro	1 50				15 00		
Rock Spring	1 00						
State Line	1 00					2 35	2 50
Stovall	1 00						
Tally Ho	1 00		30	30	2 00	2 11	
Snow Hill	50						
Collection at Asso.		6 47					
Total	$34 67	$68 64	$10 80	$89 67	$39 48	$56 93	$ 3 70

To total amount received,	$303 89	
By amount paid J. D. Boushall, Treas.,		$208 59
" " " J. B. Boone, Supt.		56 93
" " " W. C. Tyree, Ch'mn.,		3 70
" " " W. L. Foushee, Clerk,		34 52
" " " postage,		15
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Respectfully submitted,

H. M. SHAW, Treas.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POST OFFICE		CLERK	POST OFFICE		TIME OF PREACHING
Amis' Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill	N. C.	T. S. Chandler	Rush	Va.	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Antioch	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	"	G. W. Denny	Roxboro	N. C.	2nd " " " "
Bethany	J. E. Smith	Creedmoor	"	R. L. Tilley	Hampton	"	2nd " " " "
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill	"	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	"	3rd " " " "
Concord	M. P. Davis	Creedmoor	"	J. D. Clark	Creedmoor	"	2nd " " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse	"	C. R. Gordon	Clay	"	2nd " " " "
Creedmoor	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest	"	J. F. Sandeford	Creedmoor	"	4th " " " "
Enon	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill	"	D. H. Currin	Oxford	"	4th " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse	"	M. F. Adcock	Beck	"	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest	"	M. B. Waller	Knapp of Reeds	"	4th " " " "
Florence Avenue	H. T. Williams	Roxboro	"	Rufus Amis	Virgilina	Va.	3rd " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	"	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram	N. C.	4th " " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	"	"	N. J. Puckett	Sunset	"	2nd " " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	"	"	H. T. Shanks	Winsboro	"	3rd " " " "
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse	"	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	"	1st " " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	"	J. L. Gentry	Allensville	"	1st " " " "
Mountain Creek	J. T. Riddick	Bethel Hill	"	J. S. Eakes	Whetstone	"	3rd " " " "
Mount Harmony	M. H. Ellen	Durham	"	T. K. Jones	Surl	"	4th " " " "
Mount Zion	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	"	J. F. Meadows	Culbreth	"	1st " " " "
New Light	M. P. Davis	Creedmoor	"	A. B. Lassiter	New Light	"	2nd " " " "
Olive Branch	J. T. Riddick	Bethel Hill	"	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock	"	2nd " " " "
Olive Grove	W. Y. Chappell	Flint	"	W. T. Perry	Roger's Store	"	3rd " " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	"	J. H. Long	Oxford	"	Every Sunday morning & night.
Peace Chapel	T. B. Hill	Henderson	"	H. F. Jeffreys	Fairport	"	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest	"	W. A. Hester	Hester	"	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	T. B. Hill	Henderson	"	H. M. Wright	Carlton	"	1st " " " "
Providence	R. H. Jones	Bethel Hill	"	G. W. Buchanan	Roxboro	"	1st " " " "
Rock Springs	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	"	J. R. Turner	Woburn	Va.	4th " " " "
Roxboro	H. T. Williams	Roxboro	"	J. A. Noell	Roxboro	N. C.	2nd & 4th Sun. morn. & night.
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville	"	S. T. Slaughter	"	"	Every Sunday.
State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	"	T. A. Royster	Bullock	"	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	"	"	E. M. Hart	Dexter	"	2nd " " " "
Tally Ho	J. E. Smith	Creedmoor	"	J. E. Duncan	Stem	"	3rd " " " "

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Restored	Received by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Total Membership	Gain	Loss
Amis Chapel	18	..	1	2	5	..	166	12	...
Antioch	7	..	....	1	...	1	86	5	...
Bethany	9	1	2	..	1	..	77	11	...
Bethel	1	..	2	1	8	2	143	...	8
Concord	..	..	4	..	8	3	126	...	7
Corinth	4	..	8	..	4	2	159	6	..
Creedmor	...	..	9	..	2	..	7	7	...
Enon	10	1	10	1	19	2	167	...	2
Fellowship	...	..	3	5	5	..	110	...	7
Flat River Union	...	3	2	..	6	1	140	...	2
Florence Avenue	4	..	1	3	...	..	62	2	...
Grassy Creek	21	..	5	..	11	6	213	9	...
Hester's	12	2	11	1	31	2	188	...	9
Island Creek	13	..	....	..	...	1	222	12	...
Mary's Chapel	3	..	1	..	1	..	44	3	...
Mill Creek	...	..	5	3	9	1	179	...	8
Mountain Creek	2	..	18	3	11	2	252	4	...
Mount Harmony	...	..	2	..	8	..	59	...	6
Mount Zion	...	..	7	3	28	3	198	...	27
New Light	...	1	....	3	1	..	66	...	3
Olive Branch	1	..	....	11	5	2	124	...	17
Olive Grove	4	..	2	..	2	1	65	3	...
Oxford	1	..	7	1	13	3	229	...	9
Peace Chapel	1	..	2	..	7	..	69	...	4
Pleasant Grove	1	2	1	9	1	2	....	...	8
Poplar Creek	17	..	5	2	1	3	....	16	...
Providence	...	..	....	..	...	..	....	...	...
Rock Spring	9	..	8	4	...	..	....	13	...
Roxboro	...	..	5	..	6	..	103	...	1
Snow Hill	6	1	5	1	...	..	28	11	...
State Line	...	..	1	5	1	1	106	...	6
Stovall	...	..	2	4	10	..	146	...	12
Tally Ho	1	..	3	5	7	..	....	...	8
Total	145	11	132	68	211	38	3634	109	142

CHURCHES	Pastor's salary	Expenses	State missions	Home missions	Foreign missions	Education	Orphanage	Poor	Ministerial Relief	Gospel mission	Central Building	Minutes, all other objects	Total
Amis' Chapel	$150 00	$ 27 60	$ 13 53	$ 5 90	$10 00	$.....	$ 5 00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 1 50	$ 213 56
Antioch	150 00	.....	2 35	1 75	2 50	1 50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	166 70
Bethany	125 00	6 95	3 80	1 80	.....	40	1 00	.....	1 20	.....	.....	3 90	144 05
Bethel	200 00	41 00	10 25	.....	.....	1 36	.....	2 40	.....	146 08	.....	12 30	.....
Bethel Hill S. S.	.....	10 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 45	.....	.....	15 49	8 10	3 32	.....
Concord	125 00	7 00	4 85	4 60	8 75	3 25	8 75	20 20	.....	.....	.....	75	.....
Corinth	100 00	14 40	.....	.....	6 93	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	4 05	123 90
Creedmoor	50 00	24 00	2 78	.....	1 60	.....	3 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 08
Enon	200 00	13 80	14 13	.....	15 25	4 80	10 35	19 40	.....	.....	29 00	14 55	215 35
Enon S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 18	.....	26 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124 70
Fellowship	100 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	13 50	.....	1 20	.....
Flat River Union	150 00	24 00	14 85	10 12	6 85	5 70	8 40	.....	4 35	.....	.....	1 00	230 92
Flat River Union S. S.	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 52	.....	.....	.....	5 75	8 25	32 52
Florence Avenue	150 00	200 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	365 48
Grassy Creek	200 00	15 00	6 45	.....	8 47	4 05	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Hester's	200 00	2 12	5 25	6 10	13 40	4 55	18 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	237 61
Island Creek	150 00	12 00	5 44	3 35	14 65	4 00	7 00	35 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	40	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	2 90
Mill Creek	200 00	24 00	5 15	2 22	5 82	.....	.....	20 75	.....	.....	.....	2 22	253 94
Mountain Creek	150 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	3 90	.....	10 55	.....	5 00	39 97	.....	5 33	.....
Mount Harmony	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50
Mount Zion	200 00	80 27	13 09	10 35	23 79	10 25	22 69	9 45	.....	7 00	.....	90	379 47
Slaughter Fund	.....	.....	133 16	.....	88 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 59	.....	.....	266 33
New Light	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	5 50
Olive Branch	75 00	7 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25	88 25
Olive Grove	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	3 25
Oxford	900 00	1283 98	22 00	11 65	55 38	10 00	31 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	28 05	3362 06
Oxford S. S.	.....	42 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peace Chapel	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	206 00
Pleasant Grove	100 00	8 55	4 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 60	6 35	148 10
Poplar Creek	150 00	17 13	5 00	2 20	2 25	.....	12 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	190 19
Rock Spring	120 00	8 00	5 09	4 00	8 00	7 00	5 70	27 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	185 09
*Roxboro	400 00	83 00	23 52	35 00	36 35	11 75	28 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	594 26
Roxboro S. S.	.....	35 44	.....	.....	5 45	.....	28 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 57
Snow Hill	.....	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	50	306 50
State Line	125 00	12 00	5 90	.....	.....	2 60	2 35	8 00	5 71	.....	.....	1 00	163 86
Stovall	150 00	162 75	5 40	2 80	8 36	4 25	10 75	1 75	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Tally Ho	130 00	5 00	4 14	5 30	1 36	5 65	5 14	6 60	.....	.....	.....	1 00	164 60

*Ladies Aid Society gave $28.75 for various objects.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Super'tend'nts.	POST OFFICE.	Offi'rs & teach.	Pupils.	Av. attend'ce	Months.	Collections.
Amis Chapel	R. I. Mulchi ...	Push,.....Va.	7	35	30	9	$6 4
Antioch	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.. .
Bethany.....	J. T. Newton..	Moriah... ..N. C.	5	43	..	..	1 1
Bethel	E. D. Jones...	Bethel Hill "	11	99	66	12	47 2
Concord	G. M. Veazey..	Wilkins..... "	7	42	..	..	3 0
Corinth	D. W. Eakes...	Clay..... "	7	54	..	..	9
Creedmoor	T. J. Howerton	Creedmoor... "	6	40	25	6	6 2
Enon	E. A. Howard	Oxford..... "	7	85	75	12	50 0
Fellowship	M. F. Adcock..	Beck ..... "	7	40	30	10	5 0
Flat River Union	Pervis Tilly ...	Knapp of Reeds, "	9	101	58	12	.. .
Florence Avenue	Rufus Amis....	Virgilina,.... "	7	30	20	9	8 0
Grassy Creek....	J. L. Clark....	Brownsville.. "	6	33	..	9	2 9
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Sunset..... "	10	54	30	12	31 6
Island Creek....	J. L. Wilson ...	Winsboro.... "	..	...	..	..	.. .
Mary's Chapel...	.....	....	..	..	..	..	.. .
Mill Creek.....	B. F. Gentry ..	Allensville... "	9	47	40	12	4 0
Mountain Creek	R. T. Blackwell	Cornwall..... "	7	52	25	8	17 8
Mount Harmony	. . ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	.. .
Mount Zion.....	B. D. Howard	Culbreth .... "	8	45	45	12	24 2
New Light	.....	... .	..	..	..	..	.. .
Olive Branch....	S. D. Pool	Yancey..... "	3	36	..	..	6 6
Olive Grove.....	.....	....	..	..	..	..	.. .
Oxford	F. W. Hancock	Oxford..... "	12	131	..	..	42 8
Peace Chapel....	J. T. Williams	Fairport..... "	8	43	20	8	23 0
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smith ...	Mt. Energy.. "	8	80	60	..	13 6
Poplar Creek....	J. H. Parham..	Carlton..... "	6	34	23	12	9 8
Providence.....	....	....	..	..	..	..	.. .
Rock Spring	C. Gordon	Woodworth.. "	8	64	40	9	4 1
Roxboro.....	T. H. Street ...	Roxboro..... "	7	70	..	..	68 5
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville... "	2	28	..	..	.. .
State Line.....	J. S. Royster ..	Bullock..... "	9	55	27	9	5 7
Stovall	T. W. Stovall..	Stoval..... "	11	62	30	12	5 9
Tally Ho.....	H. M. Bragg...	Stems..... "	7	...	22	12	...

W. L. Foushee
Roxboro
N. C.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Flat River

Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

PERSON COUNTY, N. C.,

July 13th, 14th, and 15th, '97.

MODERATOR, B. S. ROYSTER,	- -	Oxford, N. C.
CLERK, W. L. FOUSHEE,	- -	Roxboro, N. C.
TREASURER, F. W. HANCOCK,	- -	Oxford, N. C.

ROXBORO, N. C.
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MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Rev.	J. W. Atkinson,	Neuse,	N. C.
"	W. A. Barrett,	Kittrell,	"
"	J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	W. Y. Chappell,	Flint,	"
"	W. R. Cullom,	Wake Forest	"
"	W. T. Creath,	Elmo,	Va.
"	M. P. Davis,	Creedmoor,	N. C.
"	R. I. Devin,	Oxford,	"
"	J. W. Downey,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	M. H. Ellen,	Durham,	"
"	P. H. Fontaine,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford,	"
"	T. B. Hill,	Blue Wing,	"
"	T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	"
"	R. H. Jones,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro,	"
"	D. F. Lawrence,		
"	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford,	"
"	J. L. Martin,	Rogers' Store,	"
"	H. H. Mashburn,	Wake Forest	"
"	E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	"
"	W. B. Morton,	Roxboro,	"
"	E. Y. Pool,	Wake Forest	"
"	J. T. Riddick,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	J. E. Smith,	Creedmoor,	"
"	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	"
"	G. T. Watkins,	Clarksville,	Va.
"	Z. H. Wheelous,	Grissom,	N. C.

LICENTIATES.

J. H. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,	N. C.
C. R. Taylor,	Wake Forest,	"

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION:

Foreign Missions,	J. A Stradley.
State Missions,	W. T. Creath.
Home Missions,	P. H. Fontaine.
Education,	W. B. Morton.
Sunday Schools,	B. D. Howard.
Orphanage,	F. P. Hobgood.
Periodicals,	A. R. Foushee.
Temperance,	J. S. Royster.
Ministerial Relief,	R. H. Marsh.
Family Prayers,	J. M. Phipps.

Fifth Sunday Meeting—A. R. Foushee, W. B. Morton, J. A. Beam.

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be:— to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of the benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missoins.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

MINUTES.

BETHEL HILL, N. C., July 13, 1897.

The Flat River Baptist Association met to-day in its one hundred and fourth annual session with Bethel Baptist Church, Person County, N. C.

The introductory sermon was delivered by W. B. Morton, Roxboro, N. C., from I Peter 2:7; "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious."

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with B. S. Royster, Moderator of previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. A. Stradley, Oxford, N. C.

Clerk W. L. Foushee and F. W. Hancock acted as Reading Clerks. The roll of churches was called, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS' CHAPEL—J. W. Downey, J. W. Chandler, J. S. Chandler.

ANTIOCH—P. L. Tapp, J. W. Denny, R. W. Wilkerson.

BETHANY—W. A. Malone, A. S. Carrington, A. J. Tilley.

BETHEL—G. D. Neal, W. P. Howard, W. A. Woody.

CONCORD—W. B. Currin, D. C. Frazier, T. A. Lyon.

CORINTH—C. R. Gordon, S. H. Usry. J. W. Dean.

CREEDMOOR—S. H. Rogers, J. W. Chappel, J. F. Sandeford.

ENON—J. F. Currin, P. H. Royster, J. M. Phipps.

FELLOWSHIP—J. M. Beck, W. S. Beck, T. M. Thomasson.

FLAT RIVER UNION—Pervis Tilley, M. W. B. Veazey, E. H. Veazey.

FLORENCE AVENUE—Rufus Amis, J. T. Brooks, G. J. Jones.

GRASSY CREEK—B. T. Winston, G. T. Pittard, W. J Barnett.

HESTER'S—Lawson Knott, O. J. Pruitt, W. R. Badgett.
ISLAND CREEK—R. J. Woody. J. C. Lemay, F. M. Woody.
MARY'S CHAPEL—J. Z. Allen, Obed Wheelous.
MILL CREEK—R. W. Pugh, J. H. Gentry, T. H. Street.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—W. S. Daniel, C. H. Eakes, W. D. Watkins.
MT. HARMONY—S. E. Peed, J. A. Humphries, T. K. Jones.
MT. ZION—B. D. Howard, Millington Blalock, J. F. Meadows.
OLIVE BRANCH—E. D. Jones, J. R. Hayes, T. J. Melton.
OXFORD—B. S. Royster, F. P. Hobgood, F. W. Hancock.
PLEASANT GROVE—W. A. Hester, R. H. Rogers, D. S. Fuller.
POPLAR CREEK—R. M. Currin, W. N. Critcher, P. C. Parham.
ROCK SPRING—J. M. Hobgood, J. W. Harris, J. R. Turner.
ROXBORO—W. L. Foushee, J. H. Carver, Jno. A. Noell.
SHARON—J. C. Currin, C. L. Knott, R. A. McFarland.
SNOW HILL—N. B. Slaughter, J. M. Long, P. G. Montague.
STATE LINE—W. T. Wilson, G. W. Royster, W. B. Royster.
STOVALL—W. H. Cutts, N. A. Norward, W. S. Green.
TALLY HO—J. C. Washington, J. E. Duncan, H. M. Bragg.

Delegate W. A. McFarland on behalf of Sharon Church organized Nov. 28, 1896, having asked for admission into the Flat River Association, their letter was read on and motion of P. H. Fontaine the request was submitted to a committee. P. H. Fontaine, T. H. Street, F. P. Hobgood were named as Committee.

B. S. Royster, Oxford, N. C., having been nominated to be Moderator of the Association, on motion of J. A. Stradley the Clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for him On motion, W. L. Foushee, Roxboro, N. C., was re-elected Clerk; and F. W. Hancock, Oxford, N. C., was chosen to be Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and invited to seats with us: J. C. Caddell, of BIBLICAL RECORDER; John Mitchell, D. D., Secretary of Board of Education; S. H. Thompson, of Scottsburg Normal College, Va.; J. H. Lamberth of Beulah Association, N. C.; A. Johnson, of CHARITY AND CHILDREN; J. H. Bass, of Dan River Association, Va.

The Moderator announced the Committees as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—R. H. Marsh, J. F. Meadows, W. B. Royster.
STATE MISSIONS—B. F. Hester, W. B Morton, W. N. Critcher.
HOME MISSIONS—E. Y. Pool, J. M. Hobgood, J. Z. Allen.

EDUCATION—P. H. Fontaine, J. H. Carver, R. H. Rogers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J.W. Downey, J. S. Royster, J. R. Turner.

ORPHANAGE—W. A. Malone, L. Knott, W. A. Hester.

PERIODICALS—T. H. Street, R. M. Currin, W. A. Parham.

TEMPERANCE—J. A. Stradley, B. D. Howard, J. C. Lemay.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF—J. S. Hardaway, J. M. Phipps, J. E. Duncan.

FAMILY PRAYERS—J. A. Beam, W. A. Woody, D. Y. Hunt.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—J. F. Currin, E. H. Veazey, J. W. Dean.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—J. A. Beam, W. B. Morton, T. H. Street.

The Committee on Order of Business offered their report which was adopted as follows:

Tuesday—3 to 4 o'clock p. m., Orphanage.

Wednesday—a. m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Sunday Schools.

From 11 to 11:30 o'clock, Periodicals.

From 11:30 to 12:30 State Missions.

Adjournment till 2 p. m.

From 2 to 3 p. m., Foreign Missions.

Erom 3 to 4 o'clock, Education.

Thursday—a. m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Ministerial Relief.

From 11 to 12 o'clock, Home Missions.

From 12 to 12:30 o'clock, Temperance.

W. A. Malone, of Committee, offered the following

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

It is with delight that we turn our eyes to our Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the 150 orphans provided forthere during the past year. This institutution was never so prosperous as now and never so dear to the hearts of our people.

The Central Building is now completed and is a great inspiration to both teachers and pupils. It greatly increases the facility for more and better work. There is somewhere about $1,000 due on the Central Building, partly covered by subscription. This affords us an opportunity to give, and not only us, but all the Baptists of the State. The Orphanage has been generously supported; but with the increasing number of orphans, increasing calls for larger contributions. We owe them our sympathy, our love, our prayers and, above all, our support.

W. A. MALONE, Chairman.

which was spoken to by A. Johnson; F. P. Hobgood, trustee of the Thomasville Orphanage; and W. A. Malone.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $4.75, which was handed to A. Johnson.

The report was then adopted.

The Association adjourned after prayer by J. A. Beam.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 10 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by G. C. Duncan, Bethel Hill, N. C.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed J. E. White, Sec'y of State Convention, also J. E. Armstrong and D. J. Harris, both of the Beulah Association.

The report on Sunday Schools not being in hand, on motion T. H. Street read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Never before in the history of the world was the press such a factor for good or evil as the present day.

Therefore, your committee would recommend to our Baptist people the importance of reading such religious Baptist literature as we find in the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children, which we are proud to say were never better, and in order to make them still better, it is absolutely necessary to increase their circulation daily.

We condemn the practice of some Christians of reading Sunday secular papers, believing the practice tends to destroy our Christian Sabbath. Respectfully Submitted,

T. H. STREET, }
W. A. PARHAM, } Com.

This subject was discussed by T. H. Street, and J. C. Caddell, of Biblical Recorder.

F. W. Hancock in behalf of the Editor made a proposition offering the CHARITY AND CHILDREN to the Sunday Schools at club rates of 75 cents a copy, and if it should be thus adopted it will assume the character of a Sunday School paper.

The report was adopted.

J. S. Royster of Committee read the report on Sunday Schools which after amendment proposed by J. H. Lamberth and discussion by F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Beam, T. H. Street, J. A. Stradley, J. E. White was adopted thus:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School, we believe, is one of the greatest aids to our churches. Right here let us insist on every Baptist asking himself or herself the question, "What have I done to advance its interest?" What we need along this line is better trained teachers to consecrate their lives to this noble work. Would we had more men like B. W. Spilman.

Our helps are cheap. We recommend the literature of the

Southern Baptist Convention, and the American Baptist Publication Society. We would insist on the teachers attending the Sunday School Conventions and becoming as well equipped as possible, in order to remove the great hindrance that impedes its progress.

J. W. DOWNEY,
JOE. S. ROYSTER, } Com.
JAS. R. TURNER.

On recommendation of the Committee appointed to examine the articles of faith of Sharon church it was moved that Sharon church be received into the fellowship of the Association. The Moderator thereupon extended a welcome to delegates J. C. Currin, C. L. Knott, R. A. McFarland of that church.

W. B. Morton offered the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Eighty-eight missionaries are at work in twenty-nine Associations, and in fifty-eight counties.

The number of sermons preached; religious visits made; churches built and supplied with preaching; protracted meetings held, conversions; baptisms; the number of Bibles and Testaments and denominational tracts distributed; and the amount of money contributed for building and repairing churches: for State, Home and Foreign Missions, for Sunday Schools and Colportage, for Ministerial Education, for Relief for Aged Ministers, for Orphanage, and other objects indicate a healthy and hopeful condition of our Mission work.

Our Board needs a small amount to pay balance due our missionaries for last year, and most of the $15,000 appropriated for the present year.

To meet the demands and to avoid the accumulation of a debt at the Convention, it will be necessary for pastors and churches to put forth the most active efforts to raise the full amount appropriated for this year's work.

W. B. MORTON,
W. N. CRITCHER, } Com.
B. F. HESTER,

This subject was discussed by J. E. White, J. H. Lamberth; J. E. Armstrong.

A collection for State Missions amounting to 11.94 was taken and handed the Treasurer.

The roll of churches was called and the following promised to *try* to raise the named amounts: Amis' Chapel, $10.00; Bethany, $5.00; Bethel, $10.00; Enon, $5.00; Florence Avenue, $5.00; Hester's, $8.00; Island Creek, $10.00; Mill Creek, $20.00; Mountain Creek, $6.00; Mt. Zion, $5.00: Olive Branch, $5.00; Pleasant Grove, $5,00; Poplar Creek, $5.00; Oxford, $20,00; Rock Springs, $5.00; Roxboro, $35.00; State Line, $5.00 Stovall, $5.00; Tally Ho, $5.00.

Report was adopted.

The Association was dismissed for recess with prayer by J. E. White.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the Association re-assembled. G. T. Watkins, Clarksville, Va., led in prayer.

R. H. Marsh read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following facts and statements in regard to this work are taken, with slight abbreviations from the Foreign Mission Journal of July, 1897.

THE ORIGIN AND BASIS OF THE WORK.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The gift of God was on account of his love for a lost world. The command of Christ to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature was but the expression of the will of the Father. As we enter into the love of God and the purpose of God we must become a part of His plan to save a lost world.

All Missions are one. We divide the work according to different localities and call it by different names for convenience, but wherever a soul goes for a soul to teach that one of God and lead him to God, there is a missionary. Blessed the one who is a missionary in his own home—thrice, yea, a thousand times blessed the one who can leave home, friends, loved ones, all, and go in the midst of superstition, sin, iniquity in far distant lands to tell the sweet old story of God's love in Christ.

EARLY FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

The early Christians, driven out of Jerusalem by persecution, "went everywhere preaching the Word." What seemed to them fearful trials was overruled of God to the furtherance of the Gospel.

God called Simon Peter by a vision to a larger conception of the great work entrusted to him, and sent him out as a foreign missionary. Philip, preaching in Samaria, got a further call, and went South to preach to an African as he journeyed. Paul and Barnabas, under the guidance of the Spirit, were set apart for still broader fields of labor. God's love for the world seems to be the higher note to which all of these had and we must have our hearts and lives brought into unison.

THE WORLD IN THE CHURCH.

The Gospel made wonderful progress in the earlier centuries. Then somehow, lethargy seemed to take possession of those who named the name of Christ. False doctrines had gotten hold of the people and with these an indifference of souls for dying men.

The Master's words of simple faith and salvation were largely lost sight of in a glamour of senseless ceremonies and superstitious theories, while sin abounded. The world had gotten into the church. God hasten the day when Christ shall be enthroned King again! Oh for the day when every church and every member thereof will be a living representative of Jesus, working to save men.

THE REVIVAL.

With the Reformation came a deeper sense of sin and more longing for true piety and holy living. The several denominations of Christians, but more especially the Moravians, began in the spirit of Christ to reach out with the Gospel for lost men in lands of heathen darkness. In England, God's Spirit was working mightily in the heart of an humble cobbler and preacher, William Carey. The story is known of his going out to India in 1793. With Carey began a new era for Foreign Missions. The doctrine emphasized by Christ in his farewell words flashed out again upon God's people.

GOD'S CALL TO AMERICAN BAPTISTS.

Then God called to some in America, and sent them to the foreign fields. Judson and his wife and Luther Rice went out as missionaries of another denomination, but on a closer study of God's Word became Baptists. In this way the Baptists of America providentially had missionaries on the foreign field before they were organized for the work at home.

The General Missionary Convention of the Baptists of the United States organized May 21, 1814. Luther Rice returned to this country, traveled and raised funds, while Judson stood at his post in the foreign land. The work grew. Later a division was made among the Baptists in America, and the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Augusta, Ga., May 8, 1845.

At that Convention two standing Committees were appointed to look after the Mission work of the Convention. The one to look after the work in th home land was named the Domestic (afterwards Home) Mission Board, and the other, to look after the Mission work in foreign lands, was named the Foreign Mission Board. These two committees are appointed by the Convention each year, and are the servants of their brethren in the Master's work.

OUR MISSION FIELDS.

COUNTRIES.	Organization.	Missionaries.	Native Assistants.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Membership.
China,	1845	39	43	20	167	1,364
Africa,	1850	7	7	6	29	284
Italy,	1870	3	28	21	93	490
Mexico,	1880	15	17	29	112	1,116
Brazil,	1882	10	11	18	251	1,022
Japan,	1889	6	4	1	8	48
Totals,		80	110	95	660	4,324

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

The Foreign Board, from the first meeting of the Convention, has been located in Richmond, Va. The organization is just the same size now as was agreed upon at the first meeting in Augusta, Ga.

THE SITUATION.

We closed the last Conventional year with a debt of $13,500. Our running expenses on the present basis of operations are about $107,000 per annum. That is we will need for this year, all told, at least $120.000. The Board has decided that it will be best to take up no new debt. Only about half of what was promised at the Convention has been paid in up to the 15th of June.

At present the whole amount is in sight and is confidently expected to be in hand at an early date.

The efforts of our Sisters in the "Woman's Missionary Union," auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention are worthy of all praise and commendation. Their contribution in money was, last year, $23,476.33.

The Foreign Mission Journal published at Richmond, Va., at the small cost of 25 cents a year, for a club of ten or more, ought to be in general circulation among the churches.

Respectfully Submitted, R. H. MARSH, Chairman.

The report was discussed by R. H. Marsh, J. E. White, G. T. Watkins, S. H. Thompson, J. S. Hardaway, and P. H. Fontaine.

Churches agreed to *try* to raise amounts for Foreign Missions as follows: Amis' Chapel, $10; Enon, $10; Florence Avenue, $5; Mill Creek, $20; Mt. Zion, $5; Oxford, $60; Poplar Creek, $15; Roxboro, $50; State Line, $5; Stovall, $5; Tally Ho, $5.

Report was adopted as read.

P. H. Fontaine read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Board of Education, according to their report at the Baptist State Convention of 1897, aided during the year, 36 young ministers, ten of whom graduated during the year. The maximum aid furnished was $9.00 per month; and this was not a gift, but a loan, to be returned after five years, without interest. The number of young Minister's needing help is greater now than ever before.

Receipts of the Board from Treasurer, - - -	$2,942,43
Receipts of the Board borrowed, - - - - -	300.00
Paid out during the year, - - - $3,226.90.	

The Committee would recommend, as worthy of the support of the Association: Wake Forest College, The Female University, now being built at Raleigh; Oxford Female College, and Bethel Hill Institute, where elven young men are preparing for the ministry.

P. H. FONTAINE, Chairman.

S. H. Thompson and John Mitchell spoke to this report.

John Mitchell called the roll and churches agreed to *try* to raise for Ministerial Education amounts as follows: Antioch, $2.50, Enon, $5; Florence Avenue, $2.50; Mill Creek, $5; Mt. Zion, $2.50; Oxford, $10; Roxboro, $10; Stovall, $3.

After which the report was adopted.

Treasurer F. W. Hancock offered his report which was adopted and is herein appended.

There was read and adopted the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with Flat River Union Church, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1898. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. Jno. S. Hardaway. Rev. W. T. Creath, Alternate.

J. F. CURRIN,
E. H. VEASEY, } Committee.
J. W. DEAN,

The Association adjourned after prayer by John Mitchell.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

On the re-assembling of the Association at 9:30 o'clock J. W. Downey conducted devotional exercises. The minutes of Tuesday and Wednesday were read, corrected and approved.

J. E. White called attention to a recommendation of the Baptist State Convention (1896) that each Association elect a representative on the Board of Missions for the next session of the Convention. R. H. Marsh moved the election of T. H. Street as a member of the Board of Missions for this Association. P. H. Fontaine moved that his travelling expenses be paid.

W. B. Morton, J. A. Beam, B. D. Howard were elected delegates to the next Baptist State Convention.

R. H. Marsh was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. T. H. Street moved the selection of a Committee on Obituaries to consist of R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley, B. D. Howard.

J. S. Hardaway offered the following which after discussion by J. S. Hardaway, J. C. Caddell, T. H. Street, P. H. Fontaine was adopted:

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

From a statement published by the Board in June, 1896, and from the report of the Board to the Convention in Morganton we gather the following facts: Since its organization in 1890, the Ministers' Relief Board has aided twenty-four ministers and their families, (fifty-eight in all.) The largest aggregate amount paid to any one family in that time, has been $297.00. This family contained four persons, and has received an average of $1.25 per head a month.

The whole amount paid in during the six years to the twenty four families on the Board has been $2,295.00, or $382.50 a year. To each family an average of $16.00 a year, or $1.30 a month.

The amount asked for, necesary to make the beneficiaries of the Board comfortable has been $1,886.00 a year, or about $79,00 a family; in response we have given an average of $16.00 a year.

Still the little the Board has been able to furnish has been of great service to the beneficiaries; and has been most gratefully received.

We are glad to note the increasing contributions to this cause; and its growth in the favor of the churches. We earnestly commend it to the liberality and prayers of God's people.

Respectfully submitted, JNO. S. HARDAWAY, J. M. PHIPPS, } Com.

J. A. Beam read the following report, which after discussion by J. A. Beam and J. E. White was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and behold the fields that they are already white for harvest. He that reaps receives wages and gathers fruit of life eternal; that both he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together."

Our Lord seems to have manifested more anxiety to his disciples concerning those in Palestine that at any time previous to this in his ministry.

The Home Board includes five distinct departments:

First. The work among the negroes under the co-operation of State Conventions, both white and colored, is a source of great encouragement and inspiration to our people. In the territory of this Board there are fourteen missionaries who are doing active work for the spirtual uplifting of this race.

Second. The Indians living in the borders of the Home Board. In the last half century there has been a wonderful improvement civilly, socially, intellectually, morally, and religiously among these people. Their improvement has been largely through the influence and power of the gospel. Several protestant denominations have missionaries preaching the gospel to the Indians, and surely we who claim to be the soundest in the faith will not be least in giving to this race the pure unvranished gospel of Jesus Christ.

Third. Foreign population. These are strangers within our gates, with gloomy, misty heterodox conceptions of Christianity. We must civilize and Christianize them or their influence and power will be deleterious to our civilization and contaminating to our Christianity. There is no other means that can make good citizens, except the gospel, and this is not the primary object for which we should give them the truth. Christ died for the sin of the world and these people should be saved because their souls are immortal. There are tens of thousands of these people in Baltimore, Louisville and other Southern cities. Shall we give them the gospel?

Fourth. Our Native White Population. The frightful destitution of this class exists largely in Maryland, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri. There is a vast amount of destitution in our cities and mountain country; Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans, and St. Louis are the largest in the bounds of the Southern Convention. There is no field more important than the mountain regions. The wealth that will grow out of the undeveloped resources of the mountains makes it important for the good of the country and the glory of God that the Baptist get a strong hold upon these people. Shall we occupy the mountains for the betterment of humanity and God's glory?

Fifth. Our Cuban Mission. The work there has been very much interrupted on account of the war between Spain and Cuba. It is

wonderful to see with what earnestness the work has been prosecuted by the native Christians since the missionaries left the Island. Encouraging reports are coming continually of work, and the preservation of Baptist property. It is thought that in the near future our missionaries will be able to take up the work which was so gloriously begun. We feel sure that the Lord, through oppression, has prepared these people for a more eager receptivity of the truth.

The work that has been done by the Home Board is inestimable and yet it is only well begun. The fields are increasing each year, and the hope of the future lies in the gospel. No other power can bring the reformation we need. Will we obey the command of Jesus in carrying the gospel in all Judea and Samaria, which means Home Missions? Oh, that our people may be inspired to greater endeavor and more liberality.

E. Y. POOL,
J. Z. ALLEN, } Com.

B. D. Howard offered the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

If our churches would come up to the full measurement of their duty in regard to temperance intemperance might be stayed. Let our churches cease to tolerate intemperance in their communion and let them as speedily as possible purge themselves of all members who drink intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and let it be seen that it is almost as impossible for a dram drinker to enter into Christ's visible kingdom here on earth (our churches) as it will be for him to enter into eternal life hereafter, and let our ministers and laymen do their duty against this wide spread sin of intemperance and a great deal will be done to bring about a sound and hearty public sentiment against this ruinous evil.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. D. HOWARD,
J. A. STRADLEY, } Com.

This report was discussed by J. A. Stradley, P. H. Fontaine, J. A. Beam and adopted.

The report on Family Prayers was discussed by J. A. Beam and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FAMILY WORSHIP.

We blush to state that many are the homes in the bounds of the Flat River Association in which no family worship is held. The days, full of the cares and anxieties of life, come and go without carrying a single prayer from these homes to a throne of grace. Children never heard their father pray; they do not know how to act when the pastor comes to hold services with the family; they are not acquainted with prayer; the father and mother are cold and indifferent Christians.

As your committee we most earnestly urge that the pastors and delegates of this Association put forth every effort possible to erect a family altar in every home in the bounds of our Assocation.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. BEAM,
W. A. WOODY, } Com.

The Moderator announced the Committees for next year as given on page 1.

R. H. Marsh of Committee offered the following report which was adopted:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the last year some of our very best and most faithful brethren have fallen on the field of battle. Time and space allow us to record on our Minutes only the names of those who live and are honored most highly and fondly in our memories. For a quarter of a century we have had no better or more consecrated men among us than John J. Meadows, Pinckney Meadows, Richard Peed, John G. Morgan, and W. S. Gordon. They were always ready, earnest and self-sacrificing in every good word and work. We remember each and all of them in the greatest affection and admiration, and commend their labors and example as well worthy of the highest appropriation. While they were with us we loved and honored them, and now they are gone their precious memories shall ever be unto us for a great blessing and perpetual incentive to duty and devotion. "They rest from their labor, and their works do follow them"

R. H. MARSH,
J. A. STRADLEY,
B. D. HOWARD,
} Com.

J. S. Royster offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to Bethel church, and the people of Bethel Hill and community for the cordial hospitality during its present session.

P. H. Fontaine moved that the Clerk be paid $15.00 for his services.

The churches not having sent up enough for printing the minutes a collection was taken in the Association, as follows: Mt. Zion, Oxford, and Roxboro churches, P. H. Fontaine, J. A. Stradley each $1, M't'n Creek, 25 cents; general collecction 46 cts.

On motion of J. A. Stradley it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Bro. J. A. Beam for the use of this beautiful and convenient hall and grounds in which we have held this session.

On motion of J. S. Hardaway and after discussion by J. S. Hardaway, J. E. White, W. B. Morton, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It will greatly benefit the churches of this Association and develop benevolence of our people, and greatly assist our State and General Boards to meet their obligations to missionaries on the field and avoid debts, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the churches of the Flat River Association are requested to adopt the following schedule for taking their collections for the different objects and the Pastors are urged to secure

the hearty co-operation of each individual member in this effort to systematize our work and develop the churches in the grace of giving:

August,.....Baptist Orphanage.
October,.....State Missions.
December,.....Foreign Missions.
February,.....Home Missions.
April,.....Ministers' Relief.
June.....Ministerial Education.

There being no further business, prayer was offered by John Mitchell, and the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1898, with Flat River Union church, Granville county, N. C.

B. S. ROYSTER, Moderator.

W. L. FOUSHEE, Clerk.

Member of Board of Missions, T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention, W. B. Morton, J. A. Beam and B. D. Howard.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis' Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill N. C.	J. S. Chandler	Push Va.	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Antioch	W. B. Morton	Roxboro "	G. W. Denny	Roxboro N. C.	1st " " " "
Bethany	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	R. L. Tilley	Hampton "	2nd " " " "
Bethel	P. H Fontaine	Bethel Hill "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill "	3rd " " " "
Concord	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest "	J. D. Clark	Creedmoor "	2nd " " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse "	C. R. Gordon	Clay "	" " " " "
Creedmoor	J. L. Martin	Roger's Store "	J. F. Sandeford	Creedmoor "	" " " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	D. H Currin	Oxford "	4th " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse "	M. F. Adcock	Beck "	" " " " "
Flat River Union	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest "	M. B. Waller	Knapp of Reeds "	" " " " "
Florence Avenue	W. T. Creath	Elmo Va.	Rufus Amis	Virgilina Va.	3rd " " " "
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill N. C.	H. W. Davis	Bullock N. C.	4th " " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	N. J. Puckett	Sunset "	2nd " " " "
Island Creek	J. A Stradley	" "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro "	
Mary's Chapel	W. A. Barrett	Kittrell "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom "	
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Clarksville Va	J. L. Gentry	Allensville "	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Mountain Creek	E. Y. Pool	Wake Forest N. C.	J. S. Eakes	Cornwall "	3rd " " " "
Mt. Harmony	M. H. Helen	East Durham "	T. K. Jones	Surl "	4th " " " "
Mt. Zion	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	J. F. Meadows	Culbreth "	1st " " " "
New Light	No Letter	"			
Olive Branch	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill "	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock "	2nd " " " "
Olive Grove	No Letter				
Oxford	J. S Hardaway	Oxford "	J. H. Long	Oxford "	Every Sunday morning & night
Peace Chapel			W. A. Parham		4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest "	W. A. Hester	Hester "	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	W. R. Cullom	" " "	H. M. Wright	Carlton "	1st " " " "
Providence	R. H. Jones	Bethel Hill "	G. M. Buchanan	Roxboro "	3rd " " " "
Rock Springs	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	J. R. Turner	Woburn "	4th " " " "
Roxboro	W. B. Morton	Roxboro "	J. A. Noell	Roxboro "	2nd & 4th Sunday morn. & eve.
Sharon	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill "	W. A. McFarland	Berea "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville "	S L. Slaughter	Roxboro "	Every Sunday.
State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	J. S. Royster	Bullock "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	" "	E. M. Hart	Dexter "	1st " " " "
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin	Roger's Store "	J. E. Duncan	Stem "	3rd " " " "

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Super'tendants.	POST OFFICE	Officers & teach.	Scholars.	Volumes in lib.	Quarterlies and Papers taken.	Collections.
Amis' Chapel	R. I. Mulchi	Nelson Va.	6	70		70	18 48
Antioch	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro N. C.	10	40		60	4 30
Bethany	G. J. Sweaney	Moriah "	5	...		35	
Bethel	E. D. Jones	Bethel Hill "	11	120	50	70	50 08
Concord	L. A. Lyon	Lyons "	5	30	..	45	5 20
Corinth	S. H. Usry	Clay "	4	98	35	3	1 73
Creedmoor	R. H. Rogers	Creedmoor "	7	52		46	4 00
Enon	E. A. Howard	Oxford "	10	60		63	42 03
Fellowship	J. D. Cannady	Creedmoor "	6	30		50	
Flat River Union	Pervis Tilley	Knapp of Reeds "	12	89	47		26 50
Florence Avenue	J. S. Pool	Virgilina Va.	7	30		30	8 00
Grassy Creek	C. B. Wilkinson	Averett "	4	32		55	9 72
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Sunset N. C.	8	45		65	19 50
Island Creek	William Dunn / J. A. T. Shotwell		8	150			
Mary's Chapel			..	...			
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek "	9	111	9	98	6 20
Mountain Creek	J. T. Hart	Oak Hill "	6	48		31	2 80
Mount Harmony			..	...			
Mount Zion	B. D. Howard	Culbreth "	8	75		70	23 30
New Light			..	...			
Olive Branch	Fielding Harris	Holloways "	6	35			9 91
Olive Grove			..	...			
Oxford	F. W. Hancock	Oxford "	12	145		236	43 51
Peace Chapel			..	...			
Pleasant Grove	W. J. Rogers	Mt. Energy "	7	63			5 00
Poplar Creek	J. L. Capps	Carlton "	7	31	100	62	14 52
Providence			..	...			
Rock Spring	Chalmers Gordon	Woodworth "	8	76		62	4 14
Roxboro	J. W. Noell	Roxboro "	11	94			54 13
Sharon	J. C. Currin	Berea "	7	45		42	
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville "	1	60			
State Line	J. S. Royster	Bullock "	10	50		65	9 50
Stovall	J. W. Knott	Stovall "	9	47		50	5 19
Tally Ho	W. F. Washington	Stem "	5	27		40	6 29

CONTRIBUTED BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Amis Chapel—Expenses, $6 00; Orphanage, $12 48; Total, $18 48.
Bethel—Home Missions, $1 13; Foreign Missions, $15 31; Orphanage, $20 31; Other Objects, $6 83; Total, $44 58.
Enon—Expenses, $8 30; Foreign Missions, $12 45; Orphanage, $20 30; Other Objects, $1 00; Total, $42 05.
Flat River Union—Expenses, $22 00; Orphanage, $4 50; Total, $26 50
Florence Avenue—Expenses, $8 00; Total, $8 00.
Grassy Creek—Expenses, $2 50; Foreign Missions, $12 32; Total, $14 82.
Hesters—Expenses, $10 00; Foreign Missions, $5 00; Orphanage, $2 50; Ministers Relief $2 00; Total, $19 50.
Mt. Zion—State Missions, $2 38; Foreign Missions, $2 38; Education, $2 37; Orphanage, $6 94. Total, $14 07
Oxford—Expenses, $35 68; Orphanage, $7 93; Total, $43 61.
Poplar Creek—Expenses $6 26; State Missions, $2 76; Foreign Missions, $2 75; Orphanage, $2 75; Total, $14 52.
Roxboro—Expenses, $16 53; Orphanage, $35 10; Other Objects, $2 50, Total, $54 13.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fd.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	For. Miss.	Education.	Orphanage.	Min Relief.
Amis Chapel				7 00		8 48	
Antioch	1 40						1 75
Bethel Hill	1 50		5 00				
Bethany	1 00	2 00					55
Concord	75						
Corinth							
Enon	88	6 75	8 95	10 29			
Enon S. S.				13 28		50	
Flat River Union	1 00					25	
Fellowship	1 00						
Florence Avenue	1 00	2 50	2 00	2 50	1 00		2 33
Grassy Creek	1 00	4 21	2 55	3 75	61	7 32	1 10
Hester's	1 22	2 65			2 22	4 55	
Hester's S. S.				5 00		2 50	2 00
Island Creek	1 00						
Mt. Harmony	40					80	85
Mill Creek	2 00	1 20	1 20		1 79		
Mount Zion	1 00			50	2 50		
Mount Zion S. S		2 38	2 38		2 37	6 94	
Mountain Creek	1 25						
Mary's Chapel	50						
Olive Branch	1 25						
Oxford	2 00						
Peace Chapel	1 00	2 00		3 00			
Pleasant Grove	1 00	3 23					
Poplar Creek	1 50	2 76		2 75		2 75	
Rock Spring	1 00						
Roxboro							
State Line	1 10					1 25	
Stovall	1 00						
Snow Hill	25						
Sharon	70	2 00	2 20	3 70	1 35	1 35	
Tally Ho	75		90		65		
Collection at Asso		11 94					
Total	28 45	43 62	25 18	51 77	12 40	36 69	8 68

To total amount received	$206 79	
By amount paid J. Boushall, Treas.,		$132 97
" " " Ivey Allen, Treas.,		36 69
" " " Rev. W. C. Tyree, Chairman		8 68
" " " W. L. Foushee, Clerk,		28 45
	$206 79	206 79

Respectfully Submitted,
F. W. HANCOCK, Treas.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Gain.	Loss.
Amis' Chapel	...	1	1	8	1	1	160	..	8
Antioch	8	....	..	...	3	1	90	4	....
Bethany	...	1	..	...	2	..	56	..	1
Bethel	10	7	..	1	2	..	166	14	....
Concord	...	1	1	4	..	..	121	..	2
Corinth	6	2	..	5	3	4	154	..	4
Creedmoor	4	....	..	....	..	..	11	4	....
Enon	13	7	1	14	1	1	169	5	....
Fellowship	15	1	1	...	7	2	110	8	....
Flat River Union	14	2	3	1	4	3	151	11	....
Florence Avenue	...	2	..	1	3	..	60	..	2
Grassy Creek	...	4	..	6	4	..	202	..	6
Hester's	8	8	2	14	4	3	168	..	3
Island Creek	1	4	1	7	2	2	227	..	5
Mary's Chapel	2	1	..	....	..	..	44	3	....
Mill Creek	...	8	..	10	1	2	192	..	5
Mountain Creek	11	3	1	38	3	1	239	..	13
Mount Harmony	4	1	..	2	2	1	55	..	....
Mount Zion	2	9	1	10	5	3	190	..	6
New Light	...	....	..	....	..	..	66	..	...
Olive Branch	...	2	..	3	1	2	120	..	4
Olive Grove	...	....	..	....	..	..	65	..	....
Oxford	12	16	..	21	..	3	242	4	....
Peace Chapel	..	3	..	....	..	..	77	3	...
Pleasant Grove	1	....	..	6	4	..	88	..	9
Poplar Creek	...	6	1	5	1	3	139	..	2
Providence	...	....	..	....	..	..	70	..	....
Rock Spring	3	4	..	...	2	2	86	3	....
Roxboro	1	4	..	19	1	1	86	..	16
Sharon	...	....	..	1	..	..	26	..	1
Snow Hill	...	6	1	4	..	..	29	..	3
State Line	18	1	1	3	3	3	117	11	....
Stovall	...	2	..	2	3	1	143	..	4
Tally Ho	11	2	3	5	2	..	184	9	....
Total	144	108	18	190	64	39	4123	79	94

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's salary	Expenses	Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	Ministers Relief	Other Objects	Total
Amis' Chapel	$ 150 00	$12 03	.....	$ 1 50	$ 6 63	4 50	$ 7 00	.....	$	$ 4 00	$ 2 32	$ 187 95
Antioch	125 00	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	1 69	2 75	7 00	1 75	a 4 30	143 89
Bethany	125 00	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	1 50	6 81	.....	4 10	65	1 00	144 06
Bethel	150 00	10 00	6 50	1 50	7 00	5 00	93 49	120 00	.....	.....	.....	393 49
Concord	125 00	.....	.....	75	.....	2 85	4 15	.....	8 17	.....	a 1 73	141 90
Corinth	100 00	19 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	136 77
Creedmoor	50 00	5 18	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 08	.....	1 25	.....	b 21 05	79 54
Enon	200 00	9 50	16 57	88	5 75	8 95	13 87	5 00	.....	.....	b 2 60	264 12
Fellowship	100 00	10 01	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 70	.....	15 00	135 70
Flat River Union	150 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	4 15	4 45	5 35	10 30	.....	.....	175 25
Florence Avenue	100 00	40 00	.....	1 00	2 50	2 00	2 50	1 00	8 25	2 33	b 60 00	219 58
Grassy Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 00	7 31	2 55	8 75	61	5 00	1 10	.....	176 34
Hester's	200 00	12 00	10 90	1 22	5 25	2 65	11 22	4 02	4 55	.....	.....	251 81
Island Creek	150 00	.....	5 50	1 00	4 25	2 50	11 81	5 00	12 00	8 56	.....	200 60
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Mill Creek	200 00	12 00	.....	2 00	3 71	3 71	13 44	2 59	.....	.....	a b 7 30	244 66
Mountain Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 25	8 43	8 00	20 50	.....	5 00	.....	a 2 80	196 48
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	85	.....	2 05
Mt. Zion	200 00	21 25	10 55	1 00	11 50	9 05	36 75	25 00	1 00	.....	.....	393 60
Slaughter Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	151 75	.....	151 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	203 50
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	3 50	1 25	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 91	.....	a 1 00	88 16
Oxford	900 00	63 61	7 70	2 00	12 71	18 95	59 85	7 85	44 65	4 50	1200 00	2 321 82
Peace Chapel	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	81 00
Pleasant Grove	100 00	7 35	.....	1 00	6 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	119 85
Poplar Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	16 90	.....	5 26	.....	30 42	204 08
Providence	35 00	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 00
Rock Springs	110 00	10 50	14 00	1 00	6 27	2 50	13 11	3 00	3 00	3 00	9 49	174 87
Roxboro	450 00	64 33	.....	2 00	35 00	20 00	50 00	10 00	38 11	5 00	2 30	676 94
Sharon	.....	.....	.....	70	2 00	2 20	3 70	1 35	1 35	.....	.....	11 30
Snow Hill	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	5 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 80
State Line	115 00	13 00	.....	1 10	5 60	1 00	7 81	1 50	1 25	.....	9 50	139 16
Stovall	125 00	12 10	.....	1 00	4 00	3 35	10 72	3 13	5 14	.....	a 6 19	170 53
Tally Ho	130 00	.....	2 95	75	90	2 10	4 31	80	2 90	65	a 6 29	151 65
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a. Sunday School Expenses. b. Repairs.

MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

FLAT RIVER UNION BAPTIST CHURCH,

Granville County, N. C.,

July 12th, 13th and 14th, 1898.

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Foreign Missions,.....M. A. Adams.
State Missions,.....W. R. Cullom.
Home Missions,.....C. R. Hairfield.
Education,.....A. C. Parham.
Sunday Schools,.....T. H. Street.
Orphanage,.....J. S. Hardaway.
Periodicals,.....J. A. Beam.
Temperance,.....B. D. Howard.
Ministerial Relief,.....J. A. Stradley.
Family Prayers,.....E. H Veazey.
Fifth Sunday Meeting,.....R. H. Marsh, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Stradley.

Constitution of the Flat River Association.

ARTICLE 1 The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be:—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of the benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceeding, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

ART 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

By-Laws.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3 The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4 No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.

6 No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

Minutes.

KNAP OF REEDS, N. C., July 12th, 1898.

The Flat River Baptist Association met to-day in its one hundred and fifth annual session with Flat River Union Baptist Church, Granville county, N. C.

The introductory sermon was delivered by J. S. Hardaway, Oxford, N. C. Subject, "Church Discipline."

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with B. S. Royster, Moderator of previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. White, Raleigh, N. C.

J. C. Howard and C. R Hairfield acted as Reading Clerks The roll of churches called, their letters read and delegates enrolled viz:

Amis Chapel—J. W. Downey, J. W. Chandler, A. H. Gordon.

Antioch—R H. Jones, W. A. Barton, Jr., J. W. Denny.

Bethany—W. E. Boswell, L. D. Veazey, A. R. Cash.

Bethel—A. J. Crutchfield, W. P. Howard, M. S. Jones

Concord—W. H. Waller, J. L. Lyon, S. N. Goss.

Corinth—C. R. Gordon, Chas. Daniel, C. F. Currin.

Enon—E A. Howard, C. M. Knott, H. Hester.

Fellowship—W. S. Beck, E T. Cottrell, M. F. Adcock.

Flat River Union—W. E. Veazey, C. Tilley, T. S. Waller.

Florence Avenue—J S. Pool, R. T. Amis, R. E Amis.

Grassy Creek—L. Carrington, N. A. Norwood, C. B. Wilkinson.

Hester—B. F. Dean, R. D. Brooks, B. F. Currin.

Island Creek—P. B. Sneed, J. T. Shotwell, H. T. Shanks.

Mill Creek—T. H. Street, J. W. Clayton, Yadoc Slaughter.

Mountain Creek—W. S. Daniel, W. D. Watkins, Z Z. Eakes.

Mt. Harmony—Ollie Eakes, Cornelius Clayton.

Mt. Zion—B. D. Howard, Sol O'Briant, S. H. Jones.

New Light—C. C. Keith, Clinton Davis, J. R. Wheeler

Olive Branch—E. Y. Pool, R. C. Jones, C A. Stovall.

Olive Grove—M Y. Chappell, Bryant Keith, T. A. Sherron.

Oxford—A. C. Parham, B. S. Royster, F. W. Hancock.

Peace Chapel—Allen Latta, N. B. Dickerson.

Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, R. H. Rogers, W. J. Rogers.

Poplar Creek—W. N. Critcher, P. C. Parham, C. P Wright

Providence—A. C. Long, B L. Gravitt, W. J. White.

Rock Spring—C Gordon, J. W. Harris, J M. Hobgood, Jr.

Sharon—J. C. Currin, D. W. Knott, W. A. McFarland.

Snow Hill—N. B. Slaughter, S. R. Parham, Chas Long.

State Line—J. S. Royster, T. A. Royster, W. D. Yancey.

Stovall—W. H. Cutts, G. G. Tillotson, C. H. Coley.

Tally Ho—G. W. Duncan, G. J. Day, C. H. Piper.

B. S. Royster, Oxford, N. C., having been nominated to be Moderator of the Association, on motion of J. A. Stradley the clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for him. On motion J. C. Howard, Oxford, N. C., was elected clerk; and F. W. Hancock, Oxford, N. C., was elected Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and given a hearty welcome: J. C. Caddell, of Biblical Recorder; John Mitchell, D. D , Secretary of Board of Education; L. R. Mills, Professor of Mathematics in Wake Forest College; J. B. Boone, Manager of Thomasville Orphange; J. E. White, Secretary of State Convention; J. W. Bailey, Editor of Recorder.

The Moderator announced the committees as follows:

Foreign Missions—J. A. Stradley, P. C. Parham, R. D. Brooks.

State Missions—W. T. Creath, T. H. Street, W. S. Daniel.

Home Missions—P. H. Fontaine, Sol O'Briant, Ollie Eakes.

Education—C. R. Hairfield, R. C. Jones, W. A. Hester.

Sunday School—B. D Howard, W. N. Critcher, B. F. Currin.

Orphanage—F. P. Hobgood, W. A. McFarland, N. B. Slaughter.

Periodicals—M A. Adams, N. B Dickerson, A C Long

Temperance—J. S. Royster, J. R. Wheeler, W D Yancey.

Ministerial Relief—R H Marsh, W. H Cutts, M. Y. Chappel

Family Prayers—P. B. Sneed, M. F. Adcock, C. M. Knott.

Time, Place and Preacher—B. F. Dean, Hamilton Hester, H T. Shanks.

Order of Business—M. A. Adams, A. C. Parham, T. H. Street

The committee on Order of Business offered their report as follows, which was adopted:

Tuesday—3 to 4 o'clock p. m, Orphanage.

Wednesday—a. m, 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Sunday Schools.

From 11 to 11:30 o'clock, Periodicals.

From 11:30 to 1230 o'clock, State Missions.

Adjournment till 2 p. m.

From 2 to 3 p. m., Foreign Missions

From 3 to 4 o'clock, Education.

Thursday—a m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Ministerial Relief.

From 11 to 12 o'clock, Home Missions.

From 12 to 12:30 o'clock, Temperance.

F. P. Hobgood, of Committee, offered the following

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE:

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a year of great prosperity. A gracious Providence has cared for the health of officers and children. Though an epidemic of measles has prevailed, only one child died. One has died from heart disease and one from dropsy

Since the last session of this body many valuable improvements have been made. The Central or School Building has been completed, at a cost of more than $5,000. During the past year this has been occupied and found admirably suited to the purposes for which it was erected. By means of this building the Superintendent has been enabled to grade the

school properly, and thus to have the children more thoroughly taught. And too the congregating of the children into this building for instruction, has opened for sleeping rooms, the rooms heretofore used for school rooms. The Trustees have thus found themselves in a position to admit a larger number of orphans than the original plan of building perm tted.

A home for the General Manager—certainly an urgent need – is in process of erection He and his wife have heretofore been housed in the Infirmary, an inconvenient arrangement, especially in case of epidemic diseases raging. The Treasurer's report shows that the sum of $586.42 has been contributed for this building, though twelve hundred dollars were subscribed at the last session of the Baptist State Convention.

A new printing press and general outfit for Charity and Children, has been secured at a cost of several hundred dollars. A marked improvement in the general make up – the mechanical part– of the paper has been observed by all It is carefully and ably edited, and is in all respects admirably filling its sphere. The Treasurer's report shows that the receipts from subscriptions and advertising have exceeded the expenses by $319 58.

The Orphanage owns a farm of several hundred acres of fairly valuable land. The products of this farm for the last year, we estimated to be worth $1,282 00 The total expenses of making the the crop were $649 45, leaving a net profit of $632 55.

The total receipts in money and in kind for the past year reached the magnificent sum of $13,871.05 the largest of any year in the history of the Orphanage. A part of this was used to pay off the debt on Central Building a part $1,000 was legacy from Dr R. D. Fleming's estate – and nine thousand and sixteen dollars were used to clothe, feed and teach 160 children—making the average cost per head $56 00 And your committee begs to assure this body that this sum wisely used, is sufficient to maintain in a very comfortable style the orphan children under the care of this institution

The expenses of conducting the Orphanage are small, because the salaries of the officers are small. Our efficient Superintendent receives $900.00 a year, and a house and fuel, but not board His very efficient wife as General Lady Manager receives only $200.00 a year—the teachers receive $20.00 a month and board.

It is painful to close this report by recording the death of two of the Trustees during the past year—Brother John Marcom, of Durham, N. C., and Dr. R. D. Fleming, of Warrenton, N. C, both devoted friends of the Institution, giving their

time and means freely for its advancement. Dr. Fleming was one of the largest contributors in the State. They both will be greatly missed.

Twenty five churches of this body contributed during the last year $235.00, —Five churches make no mention of contribution to this object.

F. P. HOBGOOD, CHAIRMAN.

Which was spoken to by J. B. Boone, Manager, and F. P Hobgood, Trustee, of the Thomasville Orphanage.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $6.38, which was handed to F. W. Hancock, Treasurer.

The report was then adopted.

The Association adjourned after prayer by John Mitchell, D. D.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 10 o'clock. Devotional Exercises conducted by J. S. Hardaway, Oxford, N. C.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed C. E. Taylor, D. D., President of Wake Forest College.

B. D. Howard of Committee read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School, we believe, is one of the great helps in building up the cause of religion in our churches, in preparing the soil for the reception of the Gospel seed. The Sunday School of to-day ought to be the church at work. It is the church work, but sad to say only a part of the church engage in this branch of christian work. It is a lamentable fact, that in this Association, there are 4,123 church members, of this nnmber, less than one-fourth attending Sunday School.

Taking the report of the minutes of last year, and counting non-professors of two churches that attended Sunday School, and making these two a basis for our calculation. In view of these facts, we feel sad on account of the indifference manifested on the part of our church members—not doing more along the branch of religious work for the cause of Christ and the conversion of souls.

Brethren let us arouse ourselves the coming year and try to get the church members to take more interest in this Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. HOWARD,
B. F. CURRIN,
W. N. CRITCHER,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by C. E. Taylor, D. D., B. D.

Howard, F. W. Hancock, A. C. Parham, J. E. White, J. P. Cannady, D. F. Lawrence, J. S. Hardaway, F. P. Hobgood, T. H. Street, R. H. Marsh, E. A. Howard, J. F. Sanderford.

The report was then adopted.

M. A. Adams read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS:

Good literature is a necessity in every house; for the father who ought to keep well informed, for the mother who ought to have good reading in her hours of rest, for the children who must be cultivated and trained. Bad literature is an evil any where, most of all in the hands of a boy or a girl. It is certain they will read bad literature if their desire for reading is not satisfied with good literature.

Literature is essential to the best work of a religious denomination. An organ is needed to unite the people and the churches, to voice their sentiments, to advocate their doctrines, to defend their faith, to guard their interests.

The Biblical Recorder has performed the offices of organ of the Baptists of North Carolina sixty-three years. To its faithfulness much of the success of our work is due. It has always been loyal to the Baptists in everything. We commend it to our people as the organ of their work, as a clean newspaper, and as a fit periodical for their home. Since the price has been reduced to $1.50 per year, it is in the reach of the most of our people.

Charity and Children represents the work of our Orphanage. It is an excellent little paper and full worthy of our patronage. We commend it especially to every one of our Sunday Schools.

Let our Baptist people subscribe for Baptist papers, which are published for them and by them, and which are true to them.

We also commend the Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board of Richmond, Va., and the Home Field, published by Home Mission, Atlanta, Ga., as good sources of information.

Submitted,

M. A. ADAMS.

This subject was discussed by J. W. Bailey, Editor of the Biblical Recorder; J. C. Caddell, of the Recorder, and A C. Parham On motion, time was extended fifteen minutes to discuss Periodicals. The discussion was continued by J. P. Cannady, F. W. Hancock, and B. D Howard. J. B. Boone spoke a few words about Charity and Children, explaining club rates, etc

The report was then adopted.

T. H. Street offered the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS:

State Missions is God's extensive plan for saving North Carolina, and His intensive plan for saving the world.

The "beginning at Jerusalem" was in New Testament days, but the beginning with the "uttermost part of the Earth." Our Missionaries who preach in the destitute sections of North Carolina are preaching the Gospel at the same time to China and the Foreign lands.

The churches of the Flat River Association should be able to testify to the Truth that State Missions foster the spirit of world wide Missions, as some of the churches in this Association which now are most liberal in contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, were aided in their early struggles by the State Mission Board.

Your Committeee in reporting upon this work, calls special attention to the splendid results achieved last year in State Missions, as shown in the report of the Board to the Convention at Oxford, N C. Over one hundred missionaries baptized on Mission fields 1,334 believers; held 220 protracted meetings in which there were nearly 1,800 conversions; organized 17 new churches; built 18 new houses of worship and organized 69 New Sunday Schools. The work this year promises even larger results.

We have 103 regular Missionaries at work, to whose support $15,000 has been appropriated. In addition to these, we have a Volunteer Mission Corps—consisting of 90 of our best and ablest pastors—who have promised ten days each year for four years, to go anywhere the Board may select without money and without price. Such a force of workers should inspire enthusiasm in the churches allover our State.

The call has already been made for special prayer to God for His blessings upon their labors.

We earnestly recommend that our churches fail not to give this Volunteer movement sympathy and prayer.

We learn that the Board is distressed for the lack of money with which to meet our obligations to the Missionaries. Let the churches of this Association see to it that collections are made and sent up as soon as possible.

W. T. CREATH,
T. H. STREET,
W. S. DANIEL,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by J. E. White and F. P. Hobgood.

A collection for State Missions was taken, amounting to $6.17, and handed the Treasurer

The roll of churches was called and the following promised to TRY to raise the named amounts:

Antioch, $3,00; Bethel, $12.50; Bethany, $5.00; Concord, $10,00; Creedmoor, $2,50; Enon, $25.00; Fellowship, $5.00; Flat River Union, $12 50; Grassy Creek, $12 50; Hester's, $10 00 Island Creek, $10.00; Mill Creek, $25.00; Mountain Creek, $10 00; Mt. Zion, $15.00; Oxford, $25.00; Poplar Creek, $20.00; Rock Springs, $10 00; Sharon, $2 50; State Line, $7 50; Stovall, $5.00; Tally Ho, $5.00.

On motion the report was then adopted.

The Association was dismissed for recess with prayer by J. B. Boone

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2:30 o'clock. R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C., led in prayer.

The roll of delegates from each church was called and absentees noted

J. A Stradley read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:

The word Missions is derived from the Latin word "Mittere," to send. A Missionary is one sent by authority to do a given work; as one sent to carry the Gospel to the destitute.

God is the author of missions. Christ, speaking of God, says, John, 17:18, "As thou hast sent me into the world, etc" Christ was the first great Foreign Missionary Under the Old Testament dispensation, God sent religious teachers to localities and nations—but Christ was the first sent to the WHOLE WORLD. 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John, 3:16.

As God sent Christ into the world, so Christ sends his disciples into the world, 'As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I sent you into the world;" John, 17:18. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," Mark, 16:15. No one can be a genuine. loyal, obedient Christian, who does not desire to give, and labor to give the Gospel to the whole world. It is just as much our duty to give the Gospel to others, as it is to receive it ourselves.

Some people love to sing: "Fly abroad thou mighty Gospel, etc." The Gospel cannot fly. It has no wings. If it goes it must be carried. Christ has commanded his people to carry it into all the world To carry the life-giving Gospel to the perishing, is the noblest work ever committed to man Every Christian can, and ought to have a part in this blessed work.

We rejoice that the Gospel has been carried to so many of the heathen; and that thousands of them have been redeemed from sin, and have been brought to love and serve our common Saviour

The following is a statement of the Foreign Mission work, as reported by the Board, for the last Conventional year:— Missionaries 76; native assistants 117; membership 4,760; baptisms 701; schools 41; scholars 1,111; Sunday School scholars 1,624. Receipts of Foreign Mission Board $124,249 69. Contributions from native churches $6,556.76.

The noble work being done by our christian women, in their Missionary Societies, deserves honorable mention, and hearty encouragement. Last year they raised for Foreign Missions $21,633.51.

"The Foreign Mission Journal," published at Richmond, Va., at 25 cents in clubs of ten or more, and 35 cents single subscriber is a first class periodical of its kind, and ought to be taken by every one who desires to know and do his duty towards the heathen.

We rejoice to report the Foreign Mission Board out of debt, and doing the largest, best, and most satisfactcry work in all her history. May this blessed work go on until the "kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. STRADLEY, CHMN.
R. D. BROOKS,
P. C. PARHAM,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by L. R. Mills, R. H. Marsh, D. D., and C. E. Taylor, D. D, the latter giving as a typical Foreign Missionary, Matthew T. Yates.

On motion, the report was adopted.

C R Hairfield read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION:

In this age of schisms and false doctrines, the one need of our churches is an educated ministry and laity, men who know something and can expound and defend the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus

The Board of Education aided 28 last Session and have received 24 for next session. There are many other applicants who must be turned away, because the Board has not the funds to aid them. There is no object more worthy of our support, yet not more than half of our churches contribute to it. The committee would urge the pastors to present the claims of this Board to ther churches.

We, as your Committee, recommend as worthy of the support of the Association: Wake Forest College, Female University of North Carolina, Oxford Female Seminary, and Bethel Hill Institute.

C. R HAIRFIELD.
W. A. HESTER,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by C R. Hairfield and John Mitchell, D. D.

The roll of churches called and the following churches agreed to TRY to raise for Ministerial Education amounts as follows:

Antioch, $2.00; Bethel, $5.00; Concord, $2 50; Enon, $7 00; Fellowship, $5.00; Flat River Union, $5.00; Hester's, $5 00; Island Creek $3 00; Mill Creek, $5.00; Mt. Zion, $5.00; Oxford, $10.00; Sharon, $2.00; State Line, $2 00; Stovall, $2.00.

This subject was further discussed by F. P. Hobgood, Jr., T. E. Smith and C. E. Taylor, D D.

Report was adopted.

T. H. Street presented an account of $8.55 to the Association for expenses as member of the Board of Missions for the Association. On motion, a collection was taken to pay the above. $7 76 was collected.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher read the following report:

We recommend that the next meeting of this Association be held with Grassy Creek church, on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in July, 1899. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev W. R. Cullom, Rev. M. A. Adams, Alternate.

B F. DEAN,
H. T. SHANKS,
HAMILTON HESTER,
Committee.

Treasurer F. W. Hancock read his report. which was adopted and is herein appended.

After prayer by C. E. Taylor, D. D., the Association adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

On the re-assembling of the Association at 9:30 o'clock John Mitchell, D. D., conducted devotional exercises.

R. H. Marsh offered the following, which, after discussion by J. C. Caddell, M. A. Adams, J. A. Stradley and J. P. Cannady, was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF:

This work is to be distinguished from "Ministerial Education." That looks to the work of indigent young preachers; this, to the care and support o the aged and infirm ministers, who are providentially unable to support themselves, or who by death have left dependent widows and families. During the past year the Board, located at Durham, N. C., aided thirteen beneficiariesf five brethren and eight sisters The amount given in each case is determined by the necessity of the party and the funds in hand. The total amount so expended last year was about one thousand dollars The work seems to be growing in public favor, and is based on such facts as the following:

1. As a rule God seems to want and to call into the Ministry poor men—men who are dependent on the work for support.

2. The divine call and qualification is to preach the word—not accumulate property. "No man that worrieth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life"

3 The Bible compensation for preaching is a living. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel," I Cor., 9:14.

Thus, by the nature of the call and the work, the minister is cut off from the opportunity of laying up for future necessity. The barrel and the cruise fail with the failure of work. And not unfrequently when death and old age come, there comes also absolute dependence and want. This is the heritage of God's church, and the duty of caring for this class of God's poor ought to be esteemed as a precious, God-given privilege

R. H. MARSH, CHMN.
W. H. CUTTS,
M. Y. CHAPPELL,
Committee.

A resolution offered by J C. Caddell was adopted thus:

Resolved, That each church in the Flat River Association is requested to take one collection each year to aid in the support of the Minister's Relief Board.

The Moderator called the attention of the Association to a recommendation of the Baptist State Convention—(1896) that each Association elect a repsentative on the Board of Misssions for the next session of the Convention.

On motion of R. H Marsh, B. S. Royster was elected to represent this Association, and he pay his own expenses.

On motion, R. H. Marsh was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, T H. Street, B. F. Hester and H. M. Shaw were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

M A. Adams moved that a committee of three be appointed to look after the Spiritual condition of Mary's Chapel. The Moderator appointed M. A. Adams, G. T. Watkins and Dr. J. F. Sanderford on that committee.

R. H. Marsh moved that the clerk be paid $15.co for his services, and the balance of the Minute Fund to be expended in printing the minutes.

The committee not being ready to report on Home Missions, P B. Sneed was allowed, on motion, to make the following

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYERS:

Family Prayer is certainly oneof the most important, and yet, one of the most commonly neglected of all christian duties We believe that largely over one-half of the churches of the Flat River Association have not in them a single family who keeps up Family Prayer. If home religion is defected, church religion will be the same. A neglect of home religion will exert a damaging influence on christian life, and on all christian work. God ought to be worshipped in every home In the heart and home should be the beginning and fountain of christian life and influence. God loves the home where all the family worship him daily at the family altar.

P. B. SNEED,
C. M. KNOTT,
Committee.

This snbject was discussed by P. B. Sneed, J. A. Stradley and J. P. Cannady.

Report was adopted.

J. C Caddell read the the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSION:

This department of our Mission work is designed to furnish the Gospel to such destitute territory, in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, which cannot be provided for by the States in which this destitution exists. The territory embraced by the work of this board, embraces our native population in the Western and South Western States. The Foreign population in our midst, the Negroes, the Indians and the Island of Cuba.

A growing interest in this is attested by the Treasurer's report, as shown in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our strongest and most influential churches were established and for a time supported by this Board. We would urge our churches to inform themselves on this work and enlarge their contributions to this work.

SOL O'BRIANT,
OLLIE EAKES,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by J. C. Caddell. On motion of M. A. Adams, speeches were limited to five minutes for the rest of the session.

The report was adopted

J. S. Royster read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE:

We believe that church members who are in the habit of drinking are doing as much to hinder the cause of Christ as any other class of people, either in or out of the church, and think that our churches through the Asso-

ciation ought to speak out in no uncertain sound on the subject of Temperance

We recommend that our churches do not hold fellowship with those who are intemperate, or encourage the liquor traffic by renting their property to liquor dealers or putting their means into such business. We do sincerely hope and pray that the time may soon come when our churches will be made up of men and women who are fully aroused as to their duty in the Temperance cause

JOE S. ROYSTER, Committee.

This subject was discussed by Joe S. Royster, D. F. Lawrence, J. A. Stradley and J. P. Cannady.

The report was adopted.

J. A. Stradley of committee offered the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES:

Death has done a sad work among the membership of our Association during the last Associational year. Seven excellent brethren have gone to their reward in heaven. We want to record, so that we can remember the names of R. A Gill, B. T. Winston, J. W. Currin, J. F. Currin, F. M. Meadows, R. E. Yancey, and W. H. Humphries licentiate. Five of these were Deacons. They were all good and true men. These dear brethren are in their graves, but their influence will live on. We will lovingly cherish their blessed memories.

J. A. STRADLEY,
E. A. HOWARD,
J. W. DENNEY,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the committees for next year as given on page one.

T. H. Street offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren of Flat River Union and the good people of this community for their cordial and hospitable entertainment of the Association at the present session.

R. H. MARSH,
B. S. ROYSTER,
T. H. STREET,
Committee.

On motion of R. H. Marsh the Association adjourned, with prayer by M. A. Adams, to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1899, with Grassy Creek church, Granville county, N. C.

B. S. ROYSTER, MODERATOR.

J. C. HOWARD, CLERK.

Member of Board of Missions, B. S. Royster.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention, T. H. Street, B. F. Hester and H. M. Shaw.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING.
Amis' Chapel. .	P. H. Fontaine..	Be hel Hill, . .N. C.	T. S. Chandler . .	Push,. . . . . Va.	1st Sunday and Sat before.
Antioch . .	W. B. Morton. .	Roxboro,.. "	G. W. Denny . . .	Roxboro,.. . . N. C	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Bethany.. . . .	J. A. Stradley, .	Oxford,.. . . "	R. L. Tilley .	Hampton. . . "	2nd Sunday and Sat before.
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, . . "	S. C. Humphries.. .	Bethel Hill,. . "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before
Concord	M. A. Adams . .	Raleigh, . . "	Leo Lyon . . .	Lyon, ... "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before.
Corinth.	J. W. Atkinson..	Neuse,.. . . . "	C. R. Godon. . . .	Clay, . . . "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before.
Creedmoor.. . .	J. L. Martin . .	Creedmoor, . . "	J. F Sanderford.. .	Cree moor, . . "	3rd Sun. p. m. & 1st Sun. night.
Enon	R. H. Marsh . .	Oxford, . . . "	T. J. Smith. . . .	Hargrove, . . "	4th Sunday and Sat. before,
Fellowship.. . .	M. A. Adams.. .	Raleigh, . . . "	M. F. Adcock . . .	Beck, ... "	4th Sun. and 2nd Sun evening.
Flat River Union	M. A Adams..	Raleigh, . . "	M. B. Walker. . .	Knap of Reeds "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Florence Avenue	W. T. Creath. .	Elmo, . . . Va.	J. S. Winfree. . . .	Virgilina,. . Va	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Grassy Creek. .	P. H. Fontaine,.	Bethel Hill, . .N. C.	H. W. Davis. . . .	Bullock, . N. C.	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Hester's.. . . .	R. H. Marsh . .	Oxford, . . . "	N. J. Puckett. .	Sunset,. . . "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before.
Island Creek.. .	J. A Stradley	Oxford,. . . "	H. T. Shanks . . .	Williamsboro, "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Mary's Chapel .	No Letter. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Mill Creek . .	G. T. Watkins .	Clarksville,. . Va.	J. L. Gentry.. . . .	Allensville,.. . N. C.	1st Sunday and Sat. before,
Mountain Creek	E. Y Pool...	Wake Forest,.N. C.	J. S. Eakes . .	Cornwall,. . . "	3rd Sunday and Sat before.
Mt. Harmony. .	M. H. Ellen. . .	East Durham,. "	T. K. Jones	Surl, . . . "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Mt. Zion... . .	R. H. Marsh... .	Oxford,. . . "	J. F. Meadows. . .	Culbreth,. . . "	1st Sunday and Sat before.
New Light.. . .	J. H. Hutchinson	Six Forks,... "	A. B. Lassiter . . .	New Light,. . "	2nd Sunday and Sat before.
Olive Branch.. .	P. H Fontaine	Bethel Hill, . . "	J P. Stovall. . .	Big Rock,. . . "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before.
Olive Grove . .	M. Y. Chappell.	Flint, ... "	M. Y. Chappell. . .	North Side,. . "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway.	Oxford,. . . . "	J H. Long.	Oxford, . . . "	Every Sunday a. m., and p. m.
Peace Chapel.. .	C. R. Taylor...	Wake Forest,. "	W A. Parham..	Watkins, . . . "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove..	J. C. Owen.. . .	" " . "	W. H. Hester . . .	Hester's,.. . . "	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Poplar Creek.. .	W. R. Cullom.	" " . "	P. . Parham . .	Oxford.. . . . "	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Providence.. . .	J. H. Gordon..	Averett, . . . Va	G. W. Buchanan. .	Roxboro. . . . "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Rock Springs. .	J. A. Stradley. .	Oxford,. . . . N. C.	J. R. Turner. . .	Woburn, . . . "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Roxboro . .	W. B. Morton. .	Roxboro, . . . "	J. A. Noell . . .	Roxboro,.. . "	2nd and 4th Sun. a. m. and p. m.
Sharon	J A. Beam... .	Bethel Hill,. . "	W. A. McFarland .	Berea, ... "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Snow Hill... . .	E. J. Montague.	Allensville, . . "	. . . . .	. . . . .	4th Sunday . . . . .
State Line... . .	R. H. Marsh	Oxford,. . . . "	J. S. Royster . .	Bullock, . . . N. C.	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Stovall	W. F. Fry.. . .	Wake Forest,. "	E. M. Hart. . .	Dexter,. . . . "	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Tally Ho. . .	J. L. Martin.. .	Creedmoor,. . "	C. H. Piper .	Hargrove, . . "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers & T'ch'rs.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Collection.
Amis' Chapel. .	R. D. Mulchi. . .	Nelson . . . . . Va.	6	50	50	$ 6 39
Antioch . .	C. H. Tapp . . .	Ai . . . . . N. C.	5	50	55	. . .
Bethany	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	. .	. . .
Bethel	E. D. Jones	Bethel Hill, . . N. C.	11	100	117	74 98
Concord	W. H. Waller . . .	Lyon, ... "	6	30	50	. . .
Corinth.	J. I. Gordon.	Clay, ... "	3	35	. .	. . .
Creedmoor . . .	R. H. Rogers . . .	Creedmoor, . . "	6	40	53	5 66
Enon	E. A. Howard. . .	Oxford, ... "	8	135	122	52 03
Fellowship. . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	. .	. . .
Flat River Union	Pervis Tilley. . . .	Knap of Reeds, N. C.	10	105	75	. .
Florence Avenue	J. S. Winfree . . .	Virgilina, . . Va.	.		. .	. . .
Grassy Creek. .	. . . . .	. . . . .	7	52	112	2 79
Hester's.	B. F. Dean.	Sunset, . . . N. C.	10	119	125	19 30
Island Creek. . .	{ Willie Dunn . . J. A. T. Shotwell	Williamsboro, "	7	150	150	. . .
Mary's Chapel .	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	. .	. . .
Mill Creek . .	T. H. Street. .	Mill Creek, . N. C.	10	128	50	12 00
Mountain Creek	W. T. Eakes . . .	Sat erwhite, . "	7	37	.	4 25
Mt. Harmony. .	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	. .	. . .
Mt. Zion. . . .	B. D. Howard.	Oxford, ... N. C.	7	41	65	19 88
New Light. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	. .	. .
Olive Branch. . .	J. R. Haskins . . .	Blue Wing . . N. C.	7	44	.	13 88
Olive Grove .	J. H. Keith	North Side, . . "	6	30	30	. . .
Oxford	F. W. Hancock .	Oxford, . . . "	12	160	. .	. . .
Peace Chapel. . .	J. T. Williams. . .	Fairport . . . "	3	61	25	4 00
Pleasant Grove. .	J. W. Smith	Mount Energy "	6	49	. .	. . .
Poplar Creek. . .	P. C. Parham . .	Oxford. . . . . "	6	60	75	13 34
Providence. . . .	B. L. Gravitt. . . .	Roxboro. . . . "	.		. .	.
Rock Springs. .	C. Gordon.	Woodworth, . "	8	85	2	5 38
Roxboro . .	J. W. Noell	Roxboro, . . . "	12	85	159	16 59
Sharon	J. C. Currin	Berea, ... "	6	30	30	. . .
Snow Hill. . . .	E. J. Montague . .	Allensville, . . "	1	24		11 00
State Line. . . .	J. S. Royster. . . .	Bullock, . . . "	8	40	60	2 52
Stovall . . .	T. W. Stovall . . .	Stovall . . . . "	7	56	60	62
Tally Ho. . .	S. P. Washington .	Stem, ... "	7	49	62	. . .

CONTRIBUTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Amis' Chapel, expenses, $6 00; Orphanage, $6 39; total $12 39. Bethel, expenses, $21 90; poor in Cuba, $26 50; Foreign Missions, $17 55; Education, $5 00; Orphanage, $25 93, total $96 87. Creedmoor, expenses, $6 00; Home Missions, $3 16; Orphanage, $2 50; total $11 66. Enon, expenses, $28 65; State Missions, $7 55; Home Missions, $7 58; Foreign Missions, $7 59; Orphanage, $29 28; total $80 68. Grassy Creek, expenses, $5 00; Orphanage, $2 79; total $7 79. Hesters, expenses, $11 00; Foreign Missions, $5 00; Orphanage, $10 00: total $96 00. Mountain Creek, Orphanage, $4 25. Mt. Zion, expenses, $12 81; State Missions, $5 98; Foreign Missions, $5 97; Orphanage, $7 93; total $32 69. Olive Branch, expenses, $2 68; Orphnnage, $11 20; total $13 88. Poplar Creek, expenses, $6 14; State Missions, $3 24; Home Missions, 62c; Foreign Missions, $3 24; Orphanage, $5 24; total $18 48 Rock Spring, expenses, $6 37; poor, $5 38; total $11 25. Roxboro expenses, $33 67; Orphanage, $16 59. State Line, expenses, $8 00; Orphanage, $2 52, Stovall, expenses, $8 00; Foreign Missions, 62c; total $8 62.

REPORT OF F. W. HANCOCK, TREASURER.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Orphanage.	Orphanage Building.	Ministers Relief Board.	Seminary.
Amis' Chapel	$1 50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Antioch	1 51								
Bethel Hill	1 63							2 75	
Bethany	1 00				1 23				
Concord	85								
Corinth	1 00								
Creedmoor	50	50	1 00	2 00		1 00			
Enon	1 60				7 01			5 70	
Enon Sunday School		7 58	7 58	7 59		5 11			
Fellowship	1 00								
Flat River Union	1 00								
Florence Avenue	1 40	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 00			1 12	5 00
Grassy Creek	1 51					2 79		3 35	
Hester	1 00	7 86	5 45		1 50	2 65			
Hester Sunday School				5 00		4 30	5 00		
Hester Ladies' Mis. Society			2 73						
Island Creek	1 50				2 35				
Mary's Chapel									
Mill Creek	1 75				3 25	5 00			
Mountain Creek	1 00								
Mt. Harmony	25	1 00		75					
Mt. Zion	1 05				3 00			3 70	
Mt. Zion Sunday School		5 98		5 97		7 93			
New Light	50	1 35							
Olive Branch	1 25							1 72	
Olive Branch Sunday School						5 83			
Olive Grove	50					50			
Oxford	2 50				9 00				
Peace's Chapel	1 10								
Pleasant Grove	1 10	3 35				2 75			
Poplar Creek	1 00								
Providence	1 00					30			
Rock Spring	1 00								
Roxboro	1 50								
Sharon	70	2 24	2 05	2 61	2 00	4 00			
Snow Hill	50					6 00			
State Line	1 00				2 73			1 05	
State Line Sunday School						5 52			
Stovall	1 00	41		3 80	1 20				
Tally Ho	1 00	2 00			1 25	4 37			
Collections		6 17				6 38			
Total	$36 70	$40 44	$20 31	$29 22	$35 52	$61 43	$ 5 00	$19 39	$ 5 00

To total amount received	$251 51	
By amount paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer		$149 88
" " " Ivey Allen, Treasurer		66 43
" " " J. C. Howard, Clerk		35 20
	$251 51	$251 51

Respectfully Submitted,
F. W. HANCOCK, Treasurer.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Gain.	Loss.
Amis' Chapel		3	1	5	.	2	160	4	7
Antioch	13	2	.	4	1	1	103	15	6
Bethany	.	. .	.	4	1	.	72	.	5
Bethel	19	11	1	6	2	3	186	31	11
Concord	2	. .	.	2	.	2	96	2	4
Corinth	.	1	.	16	4	1	136	1	21
Creedmoor	.	2	.	.	.	1	12	2	1
Enon	12	11	.	8	2	4	182	23	14
Fellowship	.	2	.	3	2	1	111	2	6
Flat River Union	5	3	.	2	.	2	155	8	4
Florence Avenue	3	7	1	4	1	.	67	13	5
Grassy Creek	12	6	6	11	3	4	180	24	18
Hester's	12	6	4	16	.	1	181	22	17
Island Creek	6	2	1	8	7	2	212	9	17
Mary's Chapel	no	let'r	.	.	.	.	. .	.	.
Mill Creek	35	6	.	1	6	5	214	41	12
Mountain Creek	6	8	2	23	2	2	218	16	27
Mt. Harmony	4	. .	.	.	2	2	55	4	4
Mt. Zion	9	10	3	17	.	1	202	22	18
New Light	8	5	2	1	2	.	81	15	3
Olive Branch	.	. .	2	7	2	3	110	2	12
Olive Grove	2	. .	.	2	.	2	50	2	4
Oxford	6	20	2	13	2	1	254	28	16
Peace Chapel	12	3	.	1	.	.	90	15	1
Pleasant Grove	.	. .	2	1	4	2	82	2	7
Poplar Creek	9	4	.	9	5	2	126	13	16
Providence	.	. .	.	.	6	1	23	.	7
Rock Springs	9	4	4	5	5	2	92	17	12
Roxboro	8	1	.	3	1	.	90	9	4
Sharon	11	9	.	3	.	.	45	20	3
Snow Hill	.	. .	.	.	.	.	24	.	.
State Line	.	5	.	5	.	1	115	5	6
Stovall	24	8	.	12	.	1	156	32	13
Tally Ho	16	2	1	7	4	1	186	19	12

CONTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCHES TO GOSPEL MISSIONS.

Bethel, $75 00. Corinth, $7 32. Mt. Zion, $15 00. Pleasant Grove, $5 00. Mountain Creek, $10 00. Snow Hill $10 00.

CONTRIBUTED BY THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY TO MISSIONS.

Hester's, Foreign Missions, $4 60; Home Missions, $5 73. Island Creek, Foreign Missions, $10 00; Home Missions, $1 50; State Missions, $1 00. Mill Creek, Foreign Missions, $6 00. Mt. Zion, Foreign Missions, $5 75; Home Missions, $26 25, State Missions, $10 45. Oxford, Foreign Missions, $20 39.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses.	Poor.	Minute Fund	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minister's Relief.	Other Objects		Total.
Amis Chapel	$ 150 00	$11 00	.....	$ 1 50	$10 00	$ 5 26	$ 7 00	$ ...	$	$ 2 32	$a b	9 32	$ 190 40
Antioch	130 00	5 00	.....	1 51	3 00	2 79	6 33	.....	.....	.....	a b	40 03	183 63
Bethany	.....	6 00	.....	1 00	6 00	3 70	3 65	1 23	3 50	1 50	.....	.....	26 58
Bethel	150 00	10 00	7 50	1 63	16 00	9 13	75 00	.....	.....	2 75	a b	36 55	286 66
Concord	125 00	31 00	.....	85	2 95	5 25	12 45	.....	26 00	.....	a	6 00	203 50
Corinth	100 00	8 64	.....	1 00	.....	.....	7 32	.....	.....	.....	a b	8 81	125 86
Creedmoor	50 00	16 00	....	50	50	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	a	6 00	71 00
Enon	.....	.....	14 18	1 60	15 75	12 30	16 40	7 01	19 65	19 25	a b	80 68	186 82
Fellowship	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 25	4 00	4 00	.....	1 10	1 00	.....	....	112 35
Flat River Union	150 00	19 45	.....	1 00	10 00	5 92	10 20	.....	13 00	.....	a	11 00	220 45
Florence Avenue	100 00	.....	3 37	1 40	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	.....	1 12	a b	10 00	121 89
Grassy Creek	150 00	....	14 30	1 51	10 75	8 06	7 18	.....	5 56	3 35	a b	19 20	218 96
Hester	200 00	12 00	30 00	1 00	7 86	5 45	10 50	1 50	5 00	2 65	a b	47 24	317 14
Island Creek	150 00	5 65	5 54	1 50	8 12	8 00	17 61	2 35	2 25	2 35	a b	16 00	209 37
Mary's Chapel	No	letter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek	200 00	15 10	3 00	1 75	20 00	20 00	25 00	3 25	9 00	.....	.....	.....	416 85
Mountain Creek	150 00	12 00	.....	1 00	8 00	7 04	24 26	3 45	4 25	.....	b	1 15	196 80
Mt. Harmony	.....	40 00	.....	25	1 00	.....	.....	...	75	.....	.....	.....	42 00
Mt. Zion	150 00	15 00	.....	1 05	7 75	13 04	28 00	3 00	5 00	3 70	a b	106 97	333 50
New Light	40 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	a	1 35	41 85
Olive Branch	75 00	6 00	3 00	1 25	5 00	4 50	3 25	.....	...	1 72	a	2 68	116 18
Olive Grove	50 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 50
Oxford	900 00	100 00	4 25	2 50	30 21	42 50	46 74	10 00	25 00	12 00	a b	2 188 23	3 361 43
Peace Chapel	75 00	20 00	.....	1 10	3 44	1 42	4 55	.....	2 55	....	b	800 00	912 06
Pleasant Grove	75 00	.....	5 55	1 70	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	2 75	....	a b	11 75	106 70
Poplar Creek	150 00	8 00	.....	1 50	11 30	20 36	16 76	3 43	11 79	.	a b	48 70	271 84
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MINUTES OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association....

HELD WITH.....

Grassy Creek Baptist Church.....

GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

July 11th, 12th and 13th, 1899.....

Moderator, J. A. STRADLEY, Oxford, N. C.
Clerk, J. C. HOWARD, Oxford, N. C.
Treasurer, F. W. HANCOCK, Oxford, N. C.

Next session meets with Roxboro Baptist Church, on Tuesday after Second Sunday in July, 1900. Introductory sermon by Rev. M. A. Adams.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Rev. M. A. Adams,	Raleigh, N. C.
" J. W. Atkinson,	Neuse, "
" J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill, "
" W. Y. Chappel,	Flint, "
" W. R. Cullom,	Wake Forest, "
" W. T. Creath,	Elmo, Va.
" M. H. Ellen,	Durham, N. C.
" P. H. Fontaine,	Bethel Hill, "
" J. H. Gordon,	Averett, Va.
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, N. C.
" J. H. Hutchinson,	Six Forks, "

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On account of the sickness of the Treasurer, his report was received too late to be printed in full.

To amount received,	$265.17	
By amount paid J. D. Boushall, Treas.,		$182.35
" " " Ivey Allen, Treas.,		48.60
" " " J. C. Howard, Clerk,		34.00
" " " Postage,		.22
	$265.17	$265.17

Respectfully Submitted,

F. W. HANCOCK, Treas.

D. F. Lawrence,	Louisville, Ky.
" J. R. Pace,	Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Foreign Mission,	F. P. Hobgood.
Home Mission,	E. Y. Pool.
State Mission,	W. B. Morton.
Education,	J. A. Beam.
Periodicals,	P. H. Fontaine.
Sunday School	R. H. Marsh.
Ministerial Relief	J. S. Hardaway.
Family Prayer,	T. H. Street.
Temperance,	J. R. Pace.

Union Meetings. F. W. Hancock, B. F. Hester, A. C. Parham.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be:—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

—DELEGATES:—

Member of Board of Missions, F. W. Hancock.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, J. A. Stradley.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, W. B. Morton, P. H. Fontaine, J. S. Hardaway.

MINUTES.

JULY 11, 1899.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met today in its one hundred and sixth annual session with Grassy Creek Baptist Church, Granville county, N. C. The introductory sermon was delivered by W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, N. C. Subject: "Paul's Visions."

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with J. C. Howard, clerk of the previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. B. Morton, Roxboro, N. C. J. S. Hardaway, and Darius Eatman acted as reading clerks.

The roll of churches called, their letters read, and delegates enrolled, viz:

Amis's Chapel—M. D. Harris, James Clark, C. S. Chandler.
Antioch—R. H. Jones, R. W. Wilkerson, J. W. Denney.
Bethany—R. J. Day, J. T. Newton, J. A. Malone.
Bethel—J. A. Beam, S. C. Humphries, James Barrett.
Concord—W. H. Waller, Royner Coley, Earnest Parrott.
Corinth—J B. Elliott, D. W. Eakes, W. C. Daniel,
Creedmoor—S. H. Rogers, J. W. Chappell, J. F. Sanford.
Enon—A. F. Smith, B. F. Hester, J. M. Phipps.
Fellowship—E. F. Cottrell.
Flat River Union—Pervis Tilley, E. H. Veazy, S. W. Waller.

Florence Avenue—Rufus Amis, M. F. Willard, J. S. Winfree.
Grassy Creek—A. Wilkinson, H. M. Tally, Jas. Noblin.
Hester's—S. R. Puckett, N. J. Puckett, W. R. Bodgett.
Island Creek—B. F. Knott, P. B. Sneed, Joe Norwood.
Mary's Chapel—O. E. Wheelus, F. F. Ross.
Mill Creek—G. W. Walker, T. H. Street, Wm. Wrenn.
Mountain Creek—G. W. Watkins, M. S. Daniel, J. S. Eakes.
Mt. Harmony—T. A. Ragan, Ollie Eakes, Leonard Vaughan.
Mt. Zion—B. D. Howard, Sol. O'Brian, C. L. Howard.
New Light—W. L. Jackson, Thomas Norton, Bart O'Neal.
Olive Branch—J. P. Stovall, J. R. Haskins, W. T. Humphries.
Olive Grove—No letter.
Oxford—J. P. Hobgood, Darius Eatman, J. H. Long.
Peace Chapel—Willie Howell, Lucious Latta, P. N. Tunstall.
Poplar Creek—J. N. Flemming, G. W. Wright, C. P. Wright.
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, R. H. Rogers, J. W. Smith.
Providence—J. H. Yarborough, S. H. Gentry, G. W. Buchanan
Rock Spring—J. T. Bowling, J. M. Hobgood Jr., C. Gordon.
Roxboro—E. D. Cheek, A. R. Foushee, W. B. Morton.
Sharon—A. M. Denny, R. A. McFarland, J. P. Williams.
Snow Hill—No letter.
State Line—Joe S. Royster, Thos. Wilson, J. C. Huff.
Stovall—F. B. Hester, L. F. Perkinson, C. H. Clay.
Tally Ho—W. C. Peed, S. P. Washington, R. F. Averett.

J. A. Stradley, Oxford, N. C., having been nominated to be Moderator of the Association, on motion of F. P. Hobgood, J. S. Hardaway was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for him. On motion J. C. Howard, Oxford, N. C., was re-elected Clerk. On motion of A. F. Smith, F. W. Hancock, Oxford, N. C., was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following committee on Order of Business:—M. A. Adams, J. E. White, P. H. Fontaine.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed to seats:—J. D. Hufham, John Mitchell, J. E. White, J. C. Caddell, O. L. Stringfield, J. H. Smith, B. W. Spillman, J. W. Harrell and S. T. Haley.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We believe the Sunday School next to the most potent factor in evangelizing the world. Also one of the greatest aids to successful preaching and pastoral work, therefore no pastor or layman, not in full co operation or sympathy with the work can ever hope to measure up to full rate of Christian duty. The work in reach of our towns is very much neglected. Many bright boys and girls in two and one half miles of most of towns never attended a Sunday School. Such being the case, we kindly call the attention of town pastors and laymen to the destitution. A large majority of our country members are not interested in their Sunday schools, which, we believe a great hindrance to Christian growth. Every church should pay all expenses of the school, and regular Sunday collections ought to be be given to Missions. Submitted, T. H. STREET.

The above Report was discussed by the following brethren, T. H. Street, B. W. Spillman, J. E. White, J. H. Smith, J. D. Hufham and P. H. Fontaine.

On motion the report was adopted.

Committee on order of business made the following report, for Wednesday.

Devotional exercises 9:30 a. m.; Periodicals 10 a. m.; State Missions 10:45 a. m.; Orphanage 11:45 a. m.; Adjourn 12:30 p. m.; Ministerial Relief 2 p. m.; Education 2:30 p. m.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—M. A. Adams, P. B. Sneed, Pervis Tilley.

State Missions—W. R. Cullom, G. W. Wright, J. H. Chandler.

Home Missions—J. T. Haley, J. S. Royster, B. F. Hester.

Education—A. C. Parham, Sol O'Brian, J. M. Phipps.

Sunday School—T. H. Street, B. D. Howard, John Denny.

Orphanage—J. S. Hardaway, P. H. Fontaine, D. Eatman.

Periodicals—J. A. Beam, J. C. Caddell, C. Gordon.

Temperance—B. D. Howard, J. P. Stovall, J. T. Newton.

Minister's Relief—J. A. Stradley, W. B. Morton, J. R. Pace.

Family Prayer—E. H. Veazy, M. B. Harris, A. H. Garner.

Fifth Sunday Meeting—R. H. Marsh, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Stradley.

On motion the Association adjourned. Dismissed by W. B. Morton.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. H. Smith. Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We deplore the sad fact that thousands of our people are not reading people, while thousands of others read nothing but "Dime Novels," or some cheap trashy literature. This leaves only a small number who read the best and safest literature. In this day of cheap and rapid printing, we have great opportunities and temptations to content ourselves with the light and even pernicious reading matter that is presented to us from the four quarters of the earth with the great and puzzling problems in political, financial and religious world to solve, this age presents the greatest necessity for our people to be a reading people that we have ever known. How to reach this desired end is the question.

We suggest that the fathers and mothers, deacons and pastors of this Association take this matter in hand as a duty to themselves, to their children, to their church, to their country and to their God. As your Committee we recommend to you the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, also the literature published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., and Baptist Historical Papers.

J. A. BEAM,
J. C. CADDELL, } Com.

This report was discussed by the following brethren, J. A. Beam, J. C. Caddell, J. D. Hufham. The latter discussed the above report until time for Periodicals expired. On motion, time extended five minutes.

R. H. Marsh gave 3 "everys" as the watchword of the churches (1) Every member of every church, in the Sunday School. (2) A contribution from every member, male and female, for missions. (3) The Biblical Recorder in every family of every church.

F. P. Hobgood spoke in behalf of Charity and Children.

Brother Ivey Allen, Treasurer of the Orphanage was introduced to the Association.

Report on Periodicals adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The report made to the State Convention by the Board of Missions last December, call the attention of our people to newly opened doors and increased responsibilities in State Missions.

The convention authorized an enlargement of the work to

$20,000, and we have gone forward and your committee has to report that never before in our history were we engaged in more successful and aggressive work in supplying the destitution in our State than we are doing this year. We have one hundred Missionaries in the field regularly and one hundred and twenty volunteer Missionaries who are reinforcing them at the most difficult points. They are this year preaching the Gospel to more than 400 neglected places in sixty three Counties. In the Atlantic Association we have our largest single mission field. Ten Counties in which we have only forty-four churches and only four of these are self-supporting, the people are in a state of denominational and doctrinal ferment. There is every indication that if we press our work there we will in a few years have in this territory not less than a hundred and fifty self-sustaining churches.

In the Tar River Association in which we have worked for a long time, God is giving us great success in an abundant harvest.

In Weatern N. C. is the grandest Baptist opportunity. The disolution of the Western Convention and the Union of the Associations composing it with the State Convention was an event of supreme importance to our Baptist Zion. Unless a vigorous effort is made during the next ten years in this territory to educate and train the great undeveloped hosts of Baptists the agency of our State Mission work, we will see our day of opportunity pass from us into the hands of Presbyterians and Methodists.

This year they are spending in Mission and Educational work $75,000.00 in this territory. We must arouse ourselves; our churches must realize that this enlarged opportunity brings an increased responsibility on them to enlarge their contributions to State Missions. Between now and December 1st we have to secure $18,000 with which to meet the obligations already assumed by our missionaries Should not every church in this Association make an increase now in its pledges to State Missions? If we are true to our Master, and loyal to His cause how can we show cause for not making this increase. He has blessed us and is blessing our people every day. What is the response we make to him for the good crops in our fields? The prosperity and peace of our country in view of the doors of opportunity he has just opened for the cause he has entrusted to us?

W. R. CULLOM,
G. W. WRIGHT,
J. K. CHANDLER,
} Committee.

The above report was discussed by W. R. Cullom and J. E. White. On motion time extended five minutes to take collection

for this object. Amount collected $10.94. Roll of churches called and the following promised to TRY to raise the named amounts: Amis Chapel, $10; Antioch, $5; Bethany, $5; Bethel, $15; Concord, $5; Enon, $20; Fellowship, $5; Flat River Union, $15; Florence Avenue, $5; Grassy Creek, $12.50; Island Creek, $5; Mill Creek, $20; Mountain Creek, $8; Mt. Zion, $15; Olive Branch, $5; Oxford, $60; Peace Chapel, $4; Poplar Creek, $25; Rock Spring, $8; Sharon, $2.50; State Line, $5; Stovall $5; Tally Ho, $5. On motion report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

No work commends itself more to the churches than the care of indigent orphans. No work appeals more tenderly to the hearts of our people. No work receives a more liberal and cheerful response wherever it is presented. We rejoice to know that the Treasurer's Report of the Baptist Orphanage for the year ending June 30th shows that all the current expenses of last year have been provided for. The institution is in a prosperous condition, and is doing a great work, and is entirely free from debt. The home of the General Manager has been completed at a cost of $1423.68. The total receipts in money and in kind have amounted to $13,654.22. The Orphanage farm which brings in a considerable revenue to the institution was visited some weeks ago by a disastrous storm, and doubtless the income from this source will hardly pay expenses this year.

We call upon all our pastors to present the orphanage work to their churches; and we entreat the churches to respond liberally with their contributions.

Since last we met Mr. Mills the father of the Baptist orphanage, the friend of orphan children, has fallen asleep. We note with pleasure that a fund is being raised to place some suitable memorial of him at the orphanage. We hope that the churches of this Association will do something to perpetuate the memory of this remarkable and useful man.

We recommend that this Association raise a fund to place an oil portrait of him in the chappel of the Central building at Thomasville.

JNO. S. HARDAWAY.
P. H. FONTAIN,
DARIUS EATMAN,E
} Com.

J. S. Hardaway spoke of the Orphanage and its work, then made special mention of the portriat of Mr. Mills. R. H. Marsh made a few remarks about this portrait and began collection for

the same. On motion of F. P Hobgood the Association adjourned for dinner. The discussion of the above to be continued in the evening.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Letters from Providence, Mary's Chapel and State Line were read. M. A. Adams read a letter from Mary's Chapel asking for a letter of dismission to join the Central Association. On motion the letter was granted. Brother Ivey Allen, Treasurer for the Orphanage, then discussed the report and condition of the Orphanage. P. B. Sneed spoke in behalf of the same. On motion time extended to take collection for the Orphanage; amount collected $4.98. Time for Report on Ministerial Relief, having been consumed in discussion of the Orphanage; on motion time extended for this report.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Our Ministerial Relief Board is located in Durham, N. C. It is composed of some of our best men. They do their work without pay. Their work is to aid old worn out Baptist preachers, who are left in poverty and are unable to support themselves. The widows of such indigent preachers are also helped. About fourteen of these needy ones are being aided by the Board. They are helped according to their needs, and the amount of money given to this object. The aid is given to them in the homes where they live. It is a noble work. No preacher gets rich preaching. Only a few make a comfortable living; the majority live and die poor; many of them VERY poor. These gave their lives and labors to the good of others. Now that they are old, feeble and poor, they ought to be made comfortable in the decline of life. Let every church help in this good work.

J. A. STRADLEY, Committee.

This report was discussed by J. S. Hardaway, J. C. Caddell, R. H. Marsh. On motion, report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The great need of our people is education, and especially christian education, which is in a large measure claiming the attention of the people of our State. We rejoice in the progress which has been made and the hopeful outlook for the training of our girls, whose opportunities have been, and are still inferior to those of our boys. We believe our people are making

greater sacrifices today than ever before for education of their children. This is the first time in our history that we have had the pleasure of calling your attention to a school of our own, the Baptist Female University, located at Raleigh, N. C., we beg lief to recommend this school and the Oxford Female Seminary, to those having daughters to educate. We think Wake Forest College with the superior advantages, for young men is well worthy the support of the Baptist of the State. We would also call attention to Bethel Hill Institute as a good preparatory school.

A. C. PARHAM,
SOL. O'BRIANT, } Com.
J. M. PHIPPS,

The report was discussed by the following brethren, A. C. Parham, O. L. Stringfield, J. D. Hufham and Jno Mitchell, representative of the Board of Education of Wake Forest College.

Roll of churches called, and the following promised to try to raise the named amounts for ministerial Education.

Antioch, $2.50; Bethany, $3; Bethel, $5; Enon, $5; Flat River Union, $5; Florence Ave., $5; Grassy Creek, $5; Hesters $5; Mill Creek $5; Mt. Zion, $5; Oxford, $10; Rock Spring, $5; State Line $2; Stovall, $3; On motion report adopted.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, reported. After a short discussion of the report, it was recommitted to the Committe. Final report on Committee on Order of Business:

Thursday—Devotional exereises 9:15 a m; Miscellaneous Business 9:30 a m; Temperance 10 a m; Foreign Missions 10:30 a m; Home Missions 11:15 a m; Family Prayer 12 m; Report of Committee on Fifth Sunday Meeting 12:15 p m.

On motion the Association adjourned, dismissed by J. A. Beam.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by M. A. Adams. Minutes of the previous day read and corrected. Roll of delegates called and absentees noted.

On motion of J. S. Hardaway the roll of Pastors in the Association was called and absentees noted. F. P. Hobgood made a motion to dispense with the reading of church letters hereafter, at each meeting of the Association, and a committee of three be appointed to revise the form of church letters. Also a Committee on digest of church letters, the latter to be appointed at be-

ginning of each meeting of the Association. The motion prevailed. R. H. Marsh, F. W. Hancock and the Clerk were appointed to revise church letters.

R. H. Marsh called attention to a letter from Dr. Sanderford asking for $240, for repairs to Creedmoor church, whereupon, J. S. Hardaway moved that the matter be commended to the churches, and that J. T. Martin, pastor of Creedmoor church, be invited to visit the churches of Flat River Association and solicit contributions for that object. The motion prevailed.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is a great evil. We recommend that all church members abstain from drinking intoxicating drinks and keep out of bar rooms. By so doing, they will be setting a good example for the cause of Christ.

B. D. HOWARD,
J. T. NEWTON, } Com.
J. P. STOVALL,

This subject was discussed by the following brethren:

B. D. Howard , J. H. Smith, J. A. Beam, J. M. Phipps and P. H. Fontaine. On motion report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

When Jesus Christ left the earth, He committed the evangelizing of the world to his disciples, as completely as God, the Father, had committed the work of atoning for the race to him. Looking them in the face he said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." With this obligation resting upon us, and this command enjoined in our law, there is but one condition, and that is, the field is the world in which we are to labor. A study of its needs and what has been done is absolutely necessary to a full appreciation of the obligation and command.

We are glad to be able to report our work, that of the Southern Baptist Convention as being in a prosperous condition. Last year was signalized by the payment of all indebtedness, sending out new Missionaries, and the return of money of those who were at home. We have Missionaries in the following countries with the following results:—

Countries	Churches	Out-St'n	Miss'nrs	N-helper	Baptisms	Membership
China,	22	35	40	51	426	1802
Africa,	6	6	6	10	37	341
Mexico,	26	39	10	19	45	1091
Brazil,	23	30	18	17	285	1524
Japan,	1	9	7	7	13	300

By taking a summary of the above it will be seen that we have 78 churches, 119 outstations, 81 Missionaries, 108 native helpers, baptized 807, with a total membership of 5058. These contributed $7,110,20 and maintained good Sunday schools in their work. In view of the blessings of God on our work and the the enlargement of the same, we suggest that we strive to become more in sympathy with this work in our prayers and contributions. We recommend:

1. That the Foreign Mission Journal be taken by our people.
2. That pastors preach frequently on Missions.
3. That whenever practical, Women Missionary Societies be organized.
4. That this Association appoint some brother who shall speak on Missions in her bounds and so far as possible arouse Missionary Spirit. M. A. ADAMS, Com.

This report was discussed by the following brethren: J. D. Hufham, J. R. Pace, M. A. Adams, J. S. Hardaway, J. H. Long P. H. Fontaine, R. H. Marsh. On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion the regular order of busiuess was suspended, to take up report of committee on Fifth Sunday Meetings. R. H. Marsh asked a question of personal privilege, and explained why these meetings failed last year.

Moved by J. S. Hardaway that a committee on Sunday School Institutes be appointed to hold three institutes during the year, arranging the program and the place as they deemed best. The motion prevailed and the following committee appointed: F. W. Hancock, B. F. Hester and A. C. Parham.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is the cause in which the Baptists of the South co-operate for work in Cuba, on our western frontiers, in Texas, Oklahoma, the Indian Territory—among the Indians, Negroes. In our cities with the Foreign population and in our mountain sections. It is chiefly by this work that Southern Baptist people are bound together. God has wonderfully blessed it, and our churches should never allow other things to overshadow Home Missions.

1st: Because God has by the late Spanish war, created the grandest opportunity for preaching the Gospel in Cuba and Porto Rico, offered to Christians anywhere during this century.

2nd: Becuase our Foreign population is increasing at a marvelous rate and unless christianized and moulded into our relig-

ious life will finally overthrow good government, church and home.

3rd: The Mormons are engaged in what is to them the greatest propoganda in history, and they boldly annuonce that they are going to take the Southern States. Four hundred Morman Missionaries are now at work in our midst, well organized, well supplied with pernicious literature and well supported by the Morman church in Utah and Wyoming.

4th: Because the race problem is impending everywhere in the South, And we believe that wise intelligent, religious training will bring the Negroes to a better understanding of the relationship he must bear to the white people among whom his lot has been cast. A better understanding between the races, a higher type of practical christianity among the Negroes, and the sympathy engendered among our people by our efforts to help them will go far toward making race conflicts impossible.

5th: Because the Indians are rapidly perishing from the earth and we should give them the Gospel and fit them for the judgment.

6th: Because our mountain sections, comprising the richest empire in natural resources anywhere on earth must be developed by the Missionary and educational efforts of the Home Mission Board. The people in these sections are now Baptists, whether they shall remain so or go over to Presbyterianism and Methodism, depends upon our support of our Home and State Mission work.

7th: Because the Home Mission Board came to our rescue here in N. C. when we were not able to help ourselves, helped us on our feet—just after the civil war. And because, this year we are receiving $3000 to help us in our State Mission work. Without this timely assistance we would be powerless to accept the glorious opportunity before us in North Carolina, especially in Western North Carolina.

We are pledged to raise for home missions, between now and next May, $4,000. Will not all our churches realize the importance of this work? B. F. HESTER, Chairman.

The report was discussed by the following brethren, B. F. Hester, J. C. Caddell and F. P. Hobgood. On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYERS.

The committee failing to report on this topic, F. P. Hobgood offered the following resolution:—

RESOLVED, That, this Association earnestly urges upon the heads of families the great duty and high privilige of family worship.

The following brethren entered heartily into the discussion of the above: T. H. Street, J. A. Beam, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Stradley, Joe Noblin and John Mitchell. The resolution was adopted.

Committe on Time, Place and Preacher, made the following report:—

We recommend that this Association meet with Roxboro Baptist Church, Tuesday after the Second Sunday in July, 1900. The introductory sermon be preached by Rev M. A. Adams; Rev. J. L. Martin, Alternate.

PERVIS TILLEY.
J. M. PHIPPS.
WM. WALLER,
} Com.

This report was discussed by bretheren John Phipps, W. B. Morton and P. H. Fontaine. On motion the report was adopted. P. H. Fontaine offered the following resolution.

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be tendered Providence church for its excellent spirit of hospitality manifested, in inviting the Association, three times to meet with them, though we believe that our duty enjoins us to decline this invitation.

This resolution was adopted. Treasurer F. W. Hancock read his report, which was adopted, and is herein appended.

F. P. Hobgood offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That our hearty thanks be tendered to the brethren of the church and citizens of the community for their abundant hospitality during this session of the Association.

Resolution adopted.

The Moderator announced the committees for next year as given on page 1. F. W. Hancock offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for his services, and that he be directed to publish and distribute the usual number of minutes of the proceedings of the Association.

On motion this resolution was adopted.

On motion by W. B. Morton the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1900, with Roxboro Church, Roxboro, N. C. The closing devotional exercises were conducted by J. A Beam. After quotations of scripture by several of the brethren and prayers by brethren J. A. Stradley, Jno Mitchell and J. D. Hufham, the whole congregation joined in singing "Sweet By and By." Thus ended one of the most enjoyable sessions recorded in the history of the Flat River Association.

J. A. STRADLEY, MODERATOR.

J. C. HOWARD, CLERK.

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents.	POST OFFICE.	Officers & T'ch'rs.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Collection.
Amis' Chapel..	A. D. Frazier....	Buchanan,. N. C.	8	40	40	.. ...
Antioch.....	J. L. Wilkerson.	Roxboro,... "	7	65	70	.....
Bethany.....	.....	.....	..	....	....	.....
Bethel.....	L. H. Boyd	Bethel Hill, "	12	96	120	165 85
Concord.....	Esca Coley.....	Lyons,... .. "	4	30	30	5 10
Corinth.....	J. B. Elliott.....	Clay, ... "	8	80	48	1 00
Creedmoor.. .	R. H. Rogers....	Creedmoor, "	5	40	...	3 50
Enon.....	T. J. Smith.....	Hargrove.. "	8	73	70	43 76
Fellowship ...	B. F. Lawrence.	Beck,..... "	8	....	60	.....
Flat River Union	N. B. Waller ..	Knap of Reeds,	10	76	76	5 00
Florence Avenue.	R. T. Amis.....	Virgilina,....Va.	7	35	36	.....
Grassy Creek.	J. H. Chandler..	Bullocks,... N. C.	7	62	73	2 83
Hesters.....	B. F. Dean.....	Sunset,..... "	10	92	72	10 00
Island Creek..	Willie Dunn.....	Williamsboro "	12	120	140	.....
Mary's Chapel	Z. W. Wheelus..	Grissom,... "	5	35	....	.....
Mill Creek....	T. H. Street.....	Mill Creek,. "	12	115	....	14 19
Mountain Creek..	J. R. Hart..... ..	Cornwall... "	6	50	60	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	B. D. Howard...	Oxford,..... "	8	56	72	29 84
Olive Branch.	S. D. Pool.	Christie..... "	7	30	25	6 20
Oxford.....	F. W. Hancock..	Oxford,.... "	16	186	200	62 30
Peace Chapel.	Willie Howell...	Clay,..... "	4	44	40	.....
Poplar Creek.	J. L. Capps.	Carlton,.... "	10	35	72	12 64
Providence...	S. R. Chambers.	Mill Creek,. "	7	70	30	.. ..
Rock Spring..	W. A. Owens....	Woburn,... "	8	67	70	.....
Roxboro.....	J. W. Noell.....	Roxboro,... "	10	84	....	15 82
Sharon	J. C. Currin	Berea,..... "	7	30	40	.....
State Line...	Joe S. Royster.	Bullock,.... "	6	35	60	3 70
Stovall.....	T. W. Stovall...	Stovall, ... "	7	40	50	.....
Tally Ho.....	S. B. Washington	Stem,..... "	5	25	37	.....

CONTRIBUTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bethel, Foreign Missions $28 16, church building $80 07, orphanage $33 55. Concord, orphanage $5 10. Corinth, State Missions $1 00. Creedmoor, Missions $3 50. Enon, orphanage $23 76, Missions $20 00. Flat River Union, orphanage $5. Grassy Creek, Foreign Missions $2 22, orphanage 61c. Hesters, Foreign Missions $5, orphanage $5. Mt. Zion, State Missions $4 97, Home Missions $3 39, Foreign Missions $8 36, Education $4 97, orphanage $8 15. Olive Branch, orphanage $6 20. Poplar Creek, State Missions $3 88, Foreign Missions, $3 88, Sunday school $1, orphanage $3 88. Roxboro, Foreign missions $2, orphanage $13 82. State Line Education $1 18, minister's relief $1 19, orphanage $1 32.

Financial Table:

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Expenses	Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Total
Amis Chapel	$ 150 00	$	$ 2 84	$ 1 50	$ 10 75	$ 5 84	$ 10 00	$	$ 12 93	$	$ 12 86	$ 226 47
Antioch	125 00	8 60	.....	1 50	5 00	1 52	2 50	2 50	6 60	.....	5 40	153 25
Bethany ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 80	3 00	6 50	.....	2 21	1 55	.....	19 10
Bethel	150 00	10 00	32 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	132 41	.....	50 17	5 50	27 17	376 00
Concord	125 00	24 10	.....	1 00	3 00	6 25	7 92	30	5 42	1 40	4 33	178 72
Corinth	75 00	5 65	.....	1 00	.....	4 80	8 27	.....	.....	.....	10 00	112 00
Creedmoor	50 00	15 00	.....	25	1 10	.....	1 50	.....	2 00	.....	.....	77 60
Enon	.....	74 00	2 65	80	9 65	12 60	9 75	2 70	22 50	3 75	9 88	146 83
Fellowship	100 00	15 00	.....	1 25	4 20	4 00	2 00	2 16	15 25	1 25	8 33	153 44
Flat River Union	150 00	10 00	2 00	1 00	3 76	4 00	6 50	3 10	6 42	3 35	4 00	198 47
Florence Avenue	100 00	6 90	2 64	1 00	2 97	3 59	4 58	1 00	6 69	3 73	5 00	143 10
Grassy Creek	150 00	25 00	17 47	1 50	5 00	10 06	10 00	4 00	7 00	4 00	12 16	248 97
Hester's	200 00	16 00	80 00	1 09	6 30	5 60	8 22	2 55	12 60	3 50	12 48	352 52
Island Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 50	10 00	5 40	11 25	2 95	5 17	.....	.....	186 42
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	3 00
Mill Creek	225 00	12 00	3 70	2 00	20 00	25 00	20 00	7 00	11 61	.....	.....	347 50
Mountain Creek	150 00	12 00	.....	55	10 00	12 00	10 74	.....	5 00	3 86	.....	204 00
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	50	1 00	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 90
Mt. Zion	167 25	14 51	.....	1 50	18 50	8 30	20 52	2 75	7 45	2 60	49 27	290 65
New Light	.....	.....	.....	50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	.....	1 25	3 50	2 59	4 31	2 30	5 25	.....	13 61	110 00
Olive Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	.....	71 73	7 16	3 00	55 00	59 36	84 75	7 76	31 05	9 50	72 30	350 00
Peace Chapel	75 00	.....	20 00	1 10	2 00	1 21	2 26	.....	.....	.....	60 00	163 00
Pleasant Grove	75 00	4 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	85 50
Poplar Creek	150 00	14 19	.....	1 00	20 38	10 00	21 00	.....	7 57	.....	33 70	257 84
Providence	.....	.....	1 99	90	1 10	1 60	30	39	68	40	2 09	9 45
Rock Spring	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	6 33	4 72	9 61	1 37	5 50	20 71	8 90	159 00
Roxboro	450 00	51 85	21 00	1 50	.....	3 00	5 00	5 00	19 75	.....	3 154 15	3 667 10
Sharon	60 00	.....	.....	70	5 00	3 11	2 01	.....	2 70	.....	55 00	128 50
Snow Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
State Line	115 00	25 00	3 40	1 00	3 40	1 85	3 60	1 00	6 80	1 00	55 00	212 05
Stovall	125 00	.....	3 00	1 00	6 74	5 45	13 83	2 08	1 17	1 21	52 00	211 48
Tally Ho	125 00	.....	5 97	75	3 42	5 00	3 57	25	6 36	.....	1 17	150 45
Slaughter Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	166 95	.....	111 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Contributed by the churches to Gospel Missions, Mill Creek $2; Mountain Creek S. S. $5; Slaughter Fund $55.65.
Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society to Missions, Island Creek, $12; Mill Creek, Home Missions $5; Foreign Missions $4.

Statistics of Churches.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership	Gain	Loss.
Amis' Chapel	1	4	..	....	..	2	150	1	6
Antioch	...	1	..	4	1	2	91	8	7
Bethany	6	4	..	8	1	1	72	10	10
Bethel	15	6	1	10	1	6	191	22	17
Concord	18	...	..	....	..	3	114	18	3
Corinth	3	21	..	4	..	1	153	24	5
Creedmoor	...	1	..	....	..	..	12	1	..
Enon	9	8	.	23	1	..	173	..	..
Fellowship	21	....	2	2	5	1	114	23	8
Flat River Union	9	....	..	7	3	..	148	9	10
Florence Avenue	...	1	..	....	..	1	63	1	1
Grassy Creek	...	16	3	8	2	..	217	19	10
Hesters	9	5	1	11	1	2	192	15	14
Island Creek	13	12	3	7	4	1	228	28	12
Mary's Chapel	...	1	..	.	16	..	35	1	16
Mill Creek	32	8	3	5	8	3	231	43	16
Mountain Creek	13	6	3	7	6	2	221	22	15
Mt. Harmony	...	...	..	4	2	..	50	..	6
Mt. Zion	8	2	..	12	3	1	194	10	16
New Light	4	...	1	....	..	..	44	5	..
Olive Branch	16	.	2	1	4	3	120	18	8
Olive Grove	...	...	..	....	..	..	....	..	..
Oxford	9	25	..	13	3	.	250	34	16
Peace Chapel	...	2	..	....	..	..	100	2	..
Pleasant Grove	20	...	..	...	4	2	97	20	6
Poplar Creek	8	4	..	1	4	3	134	12	8
Providence	13	....	8	...	2	1	93	21	3
Rock Spring	5	14	1	7	2	..	106	20	9
Roxboro	...	3	..	1	..	..	95	3	1
Sharon	5	8	..	....	..	1	60	13	1
Snow Hill	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
State Line	13	2	5	5	..	2	125	20	7
Stovall	8	18	2	3	4	2	174	28	9
Tally Ho	13	7	1	2	3	2	198	21	7

Pastors, Clerks, and Time of Preaching.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill N. C.	T. S. Chandler	Push Va.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Antioch	W. B. Morton	Roxboro "	J. M. Denny	Roseville N. C.	1st " " "
Bethany	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	J. T. Newton	Moriah "	2nd " " "
Bethel	P. H Fontaine	Bethel Hill "	S. C. Humphrie	Bethel Hill "	3rd " " "
Concord	M. A Adams	Lyons "	W. H. aller	Lyons "	2nd " " "
Corinth	E. Y Pool	Bethel Hill "	C. R. Gordon	Clay "	2nd " " "
Creedmoo	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor "	S. H. Rodgers	Creedmoor "	3rd " p. m and 1st Sun. night
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	T. J. Smith	Hargrove "	4th " and Saturday before
Fellowship	M. A. Adams	Lyons "	M. F. Adcock	Beck "	4th " " "
Flat River Union	M. A. Adams	" "	W. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds "	4th " " "
Florence Avenue	W. T. Creath	Elmo Va	J. S. Winfree	Virginia Va	3rd " " "
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill N. C	H. W. Davis	Bullock N. C	4th " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	N. J. Puc ett	Sunset "	2nd " " "
Island Creek	G. N. Bray	Henderson "	H. T. Sharks	Williamsboro "	3rd " " "
Mary's Chapel	W. Y Chappell	F int "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom, "	2nd " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Clarksville, Va.	J. L. Gentry	Allensville "	1st " " "
Mountain Creek	E. Y Pool	Bethel Hill N. C.	J. S. Eakes	Cornwall "	3rd " " "
Mt. Harmony	M H Ellen	East Durham "	T. K. Jones	Surl "	4th " " "
Mt. Zion	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	Nat Jones	Culbreth "	1st " " "
New Light	J. H Hutchin on	Six Forks "	W. H. Chappell	New Light "	2nd " " "
Olive Branch	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill "	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock "	2nd " " "
Olive Grove	No Letter				
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford "	H. M. Shaw	Oxford, "	Every Sunday a. m. and p. m.
Peace Chapel	C. R. Taylor	Wake Forest "	W. A. Parham	Watkins "	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse "	W. A. Hester	Hesters "	2nd " " "
Poplar Creek	W P. Cullom	Wake Forest "	P. C. Parham	Oxford "	1st " " "
Providence	J H Gordon	Averett Va	G. W. Buchanan	Roxboro "	3rd " " "
Rock Spring	J. A. Stradley	Oxford N. C.	J. W. Harris	Guy Va.	4th " " "
Roxboro	W. B. Morton	Roxboro "	J. A. Noell	Roxboro N. C.	2nd and 4th Sun. a. m and p. m.
Sharon	E. Y Pool	Bethel Hill "	W. A. McFarland	Berea "	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Snow Hill	No Letter				
State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	J. S. Royster	Bullock "	3rd Sunday and Saturday before
Stovall	W. F. Fry	Wake Forest "	E. M. Hart	Dexter "	1st " " "
Tilly Ho	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor "	C. H. Piper	Hargrove "	3rd " " "

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HELD WITH

ROXBORO BAPTIST CHURCH,

JULY 10, 11, 12, 1900.

MODERATOR, J. A. STRADLEY, - Oxford, N. C.
CLERK, J. C. HOWARD, - - - Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER, JNO. A. NOELL, - - Roxboro, N. C.

Next session meets with Bethany Baptist Church, on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1901. Introductory sermon by Rev. G. T. Watkins, Clarksville, Va.

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"	W. B. Morton,	Roxboro, "
"	E. Y. Pool,	Bethel Hill, "
"	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "
"	G. T. Watkins,	Clarksville, Va.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Rev.	R. I. Devin,	Oxford, N. C.
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"	G. W. Green,	China.
"	T. J. Hudson,	China.
"	T. J. Horner,	Henderson, N. C.
"	J. K. Humphries,	Bethel Hill, "
"	R. H. Jones,	Ai, "
"	J. J. Lansdell,	Durham, "
"	D. F. Lawrence,	Louisville, Ky.
"	J. R. Pace,	Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION:

Foreign Missions,	G. T. Watkins.
Home Missions,	J. L. Martin.
State Missions,	P. H. Fontaine.
Education,	F. P. Hobgood.
Periodicals,	W. B. Morton.
Sunday Schools,	J. S. Hardaway.
Ministerial Relief,	R. H. Marsh.
Family Prayers,	E. Y. Pool.
Temperance,	T. H. Street.
Orphanage,	M. A. Adams.

*Absent.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be:—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speeker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES:

Member of Board of Missions: F. W. Hancock.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: F. P. Hobgood.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. D. Brooks, P. H. Fontaine, and A. R. Foushee.

MINUTES.

ROXBORO, N. C., July, 10, 1900.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met today in its one hundred and seventh annual session with Roxboro Baptist Church, Roxboro, N. C. The introductory sermon was preached by M. A. Adams, Cary, N. C. Subject: "Soul Winning and Soul Winners."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with J. A. Stradley, Moderator of the previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by G. E. Spruill, Franklinton, N. C.

The roll of churches called and names of delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS CHAPEL—A. H. Garner,* C. S. Chandler, W. L. Puryear.*

ANTIOCH—C. H. Tapp, O. B. Tingen, J. W. Denny.

BETHANY—W. A. Malone, L. J. Meadows, A. W. Cash.

BETHEL—S. P. Gentry, T. D. Woody, A. J. Crutchfield.

CONCORD—R. Currin,* J. L. Lyon,* L. A. Lyon.*

CORINTH—D. G. Brunnitt,* A. Newton, J. I. Gordon.

CREEDMOOR—J. T. W. Chappell,* J. M. Nethery.*

ENON—T. J. Smith, J. C. Howard, J. P. Cannady.

FELLOWSHIP—M. F. Adcock,* C. B. Lawrence,* D. R. Weathers.*

FLAT RIVER UNION—T. S. Waller, E. H. Veazy, F. J. Veazy.*

FLORENCE AVENUE—Rufus Amis,* J. S. Pool,* M. F. Willard.

*Absent.

GRASSY CREEK—J. H. Chandler, J. R. Ragsdale,* J. E. Thomas.

HESTERS—R. D. Brooks, B. F. Currin, W. J. Royster.

ISLAND CREEK—F. M. Woody, C. T. Evans, D. L. Woody.

MILL CREEK—B. F. Gentry, Joseph Younger, T. H. Street.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—Silas Frazier, A. J. Kittrell, Willie Daniel.*

MT. HARMONY—Ollie Eakes, James L. Frazier.*

MT. ZION—B. D. Howard, Sol. O'Briant, J. R. Daniel.

NEW LIGHT—No Letter.

OLIVE BRANCH—W. T. Wilbourne, J. F. Melton,* G. W. O'Bryant.*

OLIVE GROVE—No Letter.

OXFORD—F. P. Hobgood, J. F. Meadows, J. D. Brooks.

PEACE CHAPEL—W. H. Hunt, Willie Howell,* J. T. Grissom.*

PLEASANT GROVE—W. J. Rogers,* C. J. Mangum,* J. W. Smith.*

POPLAR CREEK—W. N. Critcher,* J. L. Capps, C. P. Wright

PROVIDENCE—B. L. Gravitt, J. H. Yarboro,* Davis Carver.

ROCK SPRING—C. Gordon,* A. J. Owen,* J. T. Bowling.

ROXBORO—E. D. Cheek, Joe H. Carver, Joe W. Noell.

SHARON—J. C. Currin, A. M. Denny, D. W. Knott.*

SNOW HILL—J. E. Montague, N. B. Slaughter, S. A. Parham.*

STATE LINE—J. Y. Ramsey,* W. B. Huff, T. A. Royster.

STOVALL—T. W. Stovall,* L. D. Veazy, R. H. Butler.

TALLY HO—J. E. Duncan,* G. J. Day,* P. L. Thommason.*

On motion the Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the reelectlon of J. A. Stradley, Oxford, N. C., Moderator, and J. C. Howard, Oxford, N. C., Clerk, and the electlon of Jno. A. Noell, Roxboro, N. C., Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on order of business: W. B. Morton, W. F. Fry, W. A. Malone.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed: W. C. Tyree, Jno. Mitchell, O. L. Stringfield, J. C. Caddell, Jno. E. White, J. W. Bailey.

Committee on order of business made the following report:

1. Aged Minister's Relief.
2. Periodicals, at 3 45.
3. Education, at 8 30 tonight.
4. State Missions (special order) 11 a. m. Wednesday.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

We are glad to report that the Ministers' Relief Board is growing in favor with the churches year by year. The contributions are increasing and the work enlarging. We believe that it is only necessary to bring this work before the churches to receive their sympathy. Could we give to any cause more worthy? At Asheville the Board reported fourteen beneficiaries. Now there are seventeen. There is no boa.d we have that is managed with less expense than this board. Of the $1,553.39 income for this Board, only $9.30 were paid out as expense fund. The Board desires earnestly the help of the churches in looking out worthy ministers of the Gospel that, being laid aside by age or infirmity, are proper objects for help of this Board. J. S. HARDAWAY.

Report discussed by brethren J. S. Hardaway, W. C. Tyree, T. H. Street. On motion report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is of great importance to the Baptists of the State that they should work together. In order to accomplish this, they must have constant correspondence with each other. One of the best instrumentalities for bringing this about is the "Denominational Organ," in which we can learn what the brethren are doing in different parts of the State, and have suggestions about the best mode of carrying on the work. Such a medium we have in the "Biblical Recorder," and it is our duty to see that it is well sustained. We would commend also "Charity and Children," "Foreign Mission Journal," "Our Home Field" and "Baptist Historical Papers."

P. H. FONTAINE, Com.

Discussed by brethren P. H. Fontaine and J. C. Caddell.

On motion W. F. Fry, of East Durham, N. C., is allowed to speak in behalf of "The North Carolina Baptist." Report adopted.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following committee on Digest of Church Letters: J. A. Beam, T. H. Street, B. D. Howard. On motion the Association adjourned.

Association met in regular session at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by J. L. Martin, of Creedmoor, N. C. Report on Education postponed until morning, and the Association was entertained by addresses from Prof. W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest, N. C., on Wake Foest College, and Brother O. L. Stringfield, Raleigh, N. C., on the Baptist Female University.

Committee on order of business made the following report for Wednesday:

8:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.
10 to 11 o'clock, Education.
11 to 12:30 o'clock, State Missions.
On motion adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. O. L. Stringfield.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In all our history, we have never known such a demand as today makes for noble hearted men and women trained in mind and heart. The day has forever gone when education meant simply an educated brain. Indeed, this is only one third of an education—the power or steam in the great engine —as Prof. Poteat puts it. In every vocation of all the business world, the daily call is for men and women well equipped physically, mentally and spiritually. Complication in the business world, is too sharp for business men to risk the untrained and unequipped—the weak, the ignorant and the thief. This demand for truly educated people must be supplied. As to material out of which the supply is to be made, we refer you to the 390,000 little boys and girls in North Carolina who are under twenty oneyears of age and to the many thousands of others under forty years who ought to be in school. This very fact appeals to every Baptist in North Carolina as we claim to be numerically stronger than any other denomination in the State.

As to Wake Forest College, we are glad to report that the outlook for her success was never so hopeful in her history as it is today.

We also rejoice that we are able to report that the opening of our Baptist Female University at Raleigh last fall was the finest ever known in the State. God has opened the hearts of His people to our University. We commend most heartily the above mentioned institutions to every member of our Association for his most liberal support.

We also call attention to the great work of Oxford Seminary which is located in the bounds of our Association and ask that you stand by her in all her efforts to bless this world. Located also in the bounds of our Associrtion, we find Bethel Hill Institute, whhich we heartily commend as worthy of your support.

J. A. BEAM, Chairman.

Brother John Mitchell made a plea for ministerial education

and called the roll of churches for contributions, and the following churches promised to *try* to raise the usual amounts: Antioch, $2; Bethany, $3; Bethel, $5; Concord, $2.50; Creedmoor, 50c; Enon, $5; Flat River Union, $3; Florence Avenue, $5; Grassy Creek, $2; Hester's, $3; Island Creek, $3; Mill Creek, $5; Mountain Creek, $3; Mt. Zion, $5; Olive Branch, $2; Oxford, $10; Peace Chapel, $2; Poplar Creek, $3; Providence, $1.50; Rock Spring, $5; Roxboro, $5; State Line, $3; Stovall, $3; Tally Ho, $2.

Report further discussed by brethren J. S. Hardaway, P. H. Fontaine, J. A. Beam. On motion time extended ten minutes for brother F. P. Hobgood to speak on this subject. Continued by B. D. Howard. 38 young ministers were helped at Wake Forest College last year. Report on Education adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Among the primary purposes of the Baptist State Convention as stated in its brief original Constitution the work of preaching the Gospel to the destitute portion of the State has prominent mention. For nearly sixty years the Baptists of North Carolina have prosecuted this work with what success we see. Then there were only about one hundred Baptist churches now 1600. Then only 15000 members now 325000 white and colored. Then $20.00 was the total reported for Missions now $40000.00. Then a feeble educational beginning at Wake Forest now a College ranking at the head of Southern denominational Institutions. The Baptist Female University, the largest and latest expression of our denominational vigor, Oxford Seminary and the Chowan Female Institute and nearly fifty high schools and academies under Baptist ownership or control.

State Missions has been fundamentally a factor in the spiritual progress of these forty years.

In Foreign Missions we have cleared the ground and ploughed the soil by State Missionaries—thus this labor providing a source of supply, both of men and money. At the Orphanage and in the noble thought that gave it its being—men sought and found by State Missionaries have been the moving and sustaining spirits. God has blessed the work of State Mission so manifestly that our people unite heartily in its support as perhaps in no other cause of the denomination. Your committee desires to report that our Board has ninety-two missionaries in the field this year—that the work is well planned to cover as much of our field as possible with the workers and

entirely organized so as to secure the best possible results from money contributed by the churches.

We would especially emphasize the new demands of this cause. Our State is undergoing rapid and remarkable industrial change. Thousands are gathering around the factories and thousands are waiting for the continued multiplication of factories to follow the thousands already gathered. Nothing is more evident than that we have new issues to meet and new opportunities to confront. It is the conviction of those best informed that our State Mission work must be doubled around the factories or we will lose much of our present numerical strength and fail to comprehend our obligations to a great opportunity. In Western North Carolina our school work is moving steadily. A new zeal has seized upon our mountain Baptist people. They are gladly and in most instances anxiously awaiting the co-operation of our Board in the establishment of schools in which the aim is to provide a more efficient ministry. Our contributions should be enlarged about 25 per cent. if we are to be enabled to press this work successfully.

Our motto should be "Forward." The new century calls us to great responsibilities. The old century gives us a glorious background from which to fight—onward! We must not halt now. What one among us desires or encourages it.

This report was discussed by brother J. E. White, after which a collection was taken amounting to $9.25.

The roll of churches was called by brother White and the following churches promised to *try* to raise the following named amounts:

Amis Chapel, $15; Antioch, $5; Bethany, $6; Bethel, $15; Concord, $7.50; Corinth, 5; Creedmoor, $1; Enon, $10; Flat River Union, $10; Florence Avenue, $5; Grassy Creek, $15; Hester's, $7; Island Creek, $15; Mill Creek, $25; Mountain Creek, $12; Mt. Harmony, $1; Mt. Zion, $20; Olive Branch, $--; Oxford, $75; Peace Chapel, $4; Poplar Creek, $21; Providence, $1.25; Rock Spring, $10; State Line, $5; Stovall, $7; Tally Ho, $5. Report adopted.

Committee on Order of Business reported:

4 o'clock, Home Missions.
Miscellaneous.
8:30 tonight, Orphanage.
9 tonight, Foreign Missions.

The Moderator appointed following committee on Time, Place and Preacher: T. J. Smith, T. H. Street, L. D. Veazy. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by brother J. S. Hardaway.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher made the following report:

We recommend that this Association meet Tuesday after second Sunday in July 1901, with Bethany church and that the introductory sermon be preached by Rev. G. T. Watkins, Clarksville, Va. Alternate, Rev. W. F. Fry, East Durham, N. C.

T. J. SMITH,
L. D. VEAZY,
T. H. STREET. } Com.

Brother J. S. Hardaway read a report of the council called to consider the propriety of organizing the brethren who withdrew from Corinth church into a church, and asked that a committee be appointed by the Association to sit upon this matter. On motion brother W. B. Morton, together with Dr. W. B. Royall, Wake Forest, N. C., and Dr. W. C. Tyree, of Durham, N. C., were asked to serve on this committee. Adjournment.

NIGHT SESSION.

There being no report on Orphanage, brother A. Johnson spoke in behalf of the Orphanage and also of Charity and Children. A collection amounting to $11 was taken for above object

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of *missions* constitutes the second of the two planks in the platform of Christ's kingdom as laid down by himself in Mark 12 : 30-31. The work of *Foreign missions* is that toward which every phase of Christian work tends and aims—whether that work be evangelistic, educational, or philanthropic. If we seek to convert a soul, it is not for that soul's sake alone; if we seek to educate a preacher, it is not for that preacher's sake at all; if we seek to save an orphan, it is not for that orphan's sake alone; there is the further and higher hope that each of these will become an efficient agent in spreading the kingdom of God. If they fail in this, we feel that our work upon them is a failure.

If there be the proper estimat of the work of Foreign Missions, surely this Association, whose avowed purpose it is to

discuss, stimulate and further the work of *Missionary* Baptist churches, is prepared to give to it the place and importance which its merits demand.

Your committee would call special attention to the goodness of God in adding to our churches on foreign fields an unparalelled number during the past year. A number of brethren asked the Lord to give to our missionaries athousand, and he graciously gave about twelve hundred. The prayer, however, was accompanied by large contributions and sacrifices on the part of the Lord's people. A 25 per cent. increase was recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville in 1899. The convention at Hot Springs in 1900 recommended a still larger increase of men and means. Fifteen new missionaries have been sent out, and others are saying, "Here I am, send me." We are asked to give $200,000 to this great work this year. What will the churches say? It is a hopeful sign for the coming kingdom when a church's loyalty to Christ, its Lord and Saviour, is measured by its attitude toward this great subject.

We most earnestly recommend four things to each church member within the bounds of this Association. (1) More real *heart praying* on this subject. (2) More real *Bible study* on this subject. (3) More *general reading* (Foreign Mission Journal, Biblical Recorder, Mission tracts and books) on this subject. (4) An *enlargement in gifts* to this work.

W. R. CULLOM.

This report was discussed by brethren F. P. Hobgood, J. W. Bailey, W. F. Fry. Report adopted.

Committee on Order of Business reported following:

Thursday a. m., morning sessions—
9:00, Devotional exercises.
9:15, Miscellaneous.
9:45, Home Missions.
10:30, Sunday School.
11:00, Temperence.
Family Prayers.
Sermon.

On motion aejournment.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by W. C. Barrett. Minutes of previous day read and approved. Roll of delegates called and absentees noted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to report the condition of our Orphanage to be in all repects favorable. The health of the 172 children has been excellent, no distressing epidemic having visited them. The health of our General Manager is improving, and we pray that he may be completely restored. The income from all sources has reached the magnificient sum of $17,578.75, the largest by several thousand dollars yet received in any year. Work will soon begin on the Mills Memorial Building, designed to teach the boys trades that will be helpful to them. The Institution is conducted economically, the cost of maintaining, feeding, clothing, and instructing, being $4.81 per capita. There are yet many orphan children in North Carolina that need sheltering care of the Institution. They cannot be admitted for the lack of room, and this can't be furnished for lack of means. We urge the churches to furnish these in larger means. F. P. HOBGOOD, Com.

Attention was called to the matter of raising money to finish paying for the portrait of Bro. J. H. Mills; a collection was taken amounting to $4.35.

Committee on Digest of Letters made their report. Report adopted.

On motion the delegates to the State Convention, Southern Baptist Convention and Board of Mission, as given on page 2, were elected.

On motion the Clerk is allowed to insert proper advertisements in the Minutes and have 600 copies of same printed.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The success of all missionary enterprise is dependent upon fundamental work. The work of State and Home Missions is basal work, and is important in preparing the way and laying the foundation upon which the denomination may build. It has been said that "Home Missions have always been the chief source of all missionary and educational enterprises."

The territory of our Home Board embraces all the States south of and including Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, also Oklahoma and Indian Territories and the Island of Cuba.

The work of the Board is largely co-operative, and is divided into several departments. Frontier and Mountain Work; work among the negroes and Foreign Population; work in the cities and Cuba.

FRONTIER WORK—This comprises an area of nearly a thousand miles in length and 500 miles in width. It embraces the

whole of two Territories and a part of Arkansas and Texas.

MOUNTAIN WORK—This region embraces an area of about 2000 square miles, including a part of our own State, and in one of the most needy fields.

WORK AMONG THE NEGROES—Work on the co-operative plan is being done in several States, and is productive of great good in many ways. It tends to increase the harmony between the races and we trust will be the means of saving these people to the Master's cause.

FOREIGN POPULATION—The field of the Home Board has a large and varied population. The States have 5000 Chinese, 40,000 Italians, 500,000 Germans.

WORK IN CUBA—This work is divided between the Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, and the Home Board. The latter has the western province and the former the eastern. Our work is well organized in three provinces and is being successfully prosecuted by efficient leaders. There is a great demand for more teachers and preachers. For the support of this great work our State contributed $6,018 last yer, of this amount the Flat River Association gave $213.00.

We feel thankful for past success, but the demand for greater effort is even more imperative than ever before in our history.

E. Y. POOL.

Report discussed by J. C. Caddell, J. E. White, W. F. Fry, J. S. Hardaway. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sunday Schools are Bible Schools. They have a right to exist because they teach the Bible. More Bible knowledge, for the average person, is gotten in the Sunday School than any where else.

The Sunday School is educational It is the church's school house and academy. The church's best material is trained here.

Sunday Schools are missionary organizations They are expansive in their ideas and mission stimulating. The boy gets a mental picture in the Sunday School of a lost world that moves before his soul for the remainder of his life.

Everybody who can learn or teach should be in the Sunday School. This can be so, it must be so Let our pastors and laymen make it so. W. F FRY, Com.

Report on Sunday Schools discussed by W. C Barrett, J. H. Chandler, J. P. Cannady. Report adopted

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

As the churches of Christ should stand for all that is good,

and oppose sin in every form, and as intemperance is one of the greatest evils in the world; ruining many homes, and retarding the progress of the churches and destroying so many souls and bodies of our fellow-men. Therefore we recommend first, that our church members be requested to "touch not, nor taste not" intoxicating drinks as a beverage, because all drunkenness begins in moderate drinking. Second, that the young people of our churches be better instructed as to the great evils of intemperance; and that we have more writing, talking and preaching on this subject. Third, that Christians pray more earnestly that the Spirit of the Lord may lead all our church members to live more consistent christian lives, entirely avoiding the drink habit. J. R. PACE.

Report discussed by J. A. Stradley, J. A. Beam, J. I. Gordon, J. P. Cannady. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $15.00; and should there be a surplus after paying for the minutes, he be allowed $5.00 additional, out of said surplus, for his work in soliciting advertisements. P. H. FONTAIN,
F. P. HOBGOOD.

On motion the Clerk is instructed to write churches not sending Letters and inquire after them.

Moderator appointed Standing Committees as found on page 1.

Treasurer made his report which appears elsewhere.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren and citizens of Roxboro for their cordial hospitality shown us during this meeting.

M. F. WILLARD.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER

Parents first duty is to the purificatian of home and home surroundings. If homes are pure and sweet, churches will be the same. If churches are upon the high plane of Christian work and development as intended by our Saviour the nation will be safe. And as prayer is the only medium to reach the source of all power and purity, we deem it absolutely necessary for every head of a family to erect and sustain family worship, in order that our lives may be in daily touch with God the Father, Christ the mediator, and Holy Spirit, the purifier. T. H. STREET.

This report discussed by T. H. Street, Bro. Jno. Mitchell, F. P. Hobgood, J. S. Hardaway, P. H. Fontaine. Report adopted.

Brother Fontaine conducted the closing exercises. The con-

gregation joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds." Brother F. P. Hobgood lead in prayer, and thus ended one more enjoyable meeting of the Flat River Association.

J. A. STRADLEY, MODERATOR.

J. C. HOWARD, CLERK.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received,	- - -	$242.53	
" " "	for ad. in minutes,	12.00	
By amount pd. J. A. Johnson, (Orphanage.)			$ 49.13
" " "	S. H. Averett, Treas. Orphanage,		6.00
" " "	J. D. Boushall, Treas.,		154.40
" " "	J. C. Howard, Clerk,		15.00
" " "	for printing minutes,		25.00
" " "	J. C. Howard, mailing minutes,		5.00
		$254.53	$254.53

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. NOELL, Treas.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses	Charities.	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Educat'n	Orphanage	Minister'l Relief	Other Objects	Total Contributions.
Amis Chapel	$ 150 00	$	....	$ 1 00	$ 12 00	$ 5 09	$ 10 00	$	$10 61	.....	$ 4 25	$ 193 45
Antioch	125 00	.....	....	1 50	6 00	3 10	3 10	1 50	.....	.....	24 20	164 40
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	1 00	5 00	4 25	4 25	1 68	5 40	1 30	.....	22 88
Bethel	150 00	10 00	12 00	2 01	7 50	8 00	x 173 13	1 08	37 38	3 30	3 00	264 38
Concord	125 00	5 00	.....	1 00	5 00	2 00	3 30	.....	4 90	.....	.....	15 25
Corinth	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 00
Creedmoor	50 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	57 00
Enon	150 00	10 00	.....	1 25	7 55	8 75	9 25	3 00	20 07	3 00	20 00	232 87
Fellowship	95 00	6 00	....	75	1 60	2 65	x 11 00	.....	2 78	.....	1 00	110 98
Flat River Union	150 00	14 93	1 00	1 00	9 60	.....	3 60	4 00	8 57	.....	.....	186 10
Florence Avenue	100 00	16 00	.....	1 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	147 00
Grassy Creek	150 00	1 50	19 00	1 50	5 60	6 43	15 00	3 90	18 55	3 05	18 25	232 78
Hesters	200 00	12 00	55 20	1 00	4 20	4 85	3 87	3 25	8 00	3 10	5 67	301 14
Island Creek	150 00	37 00	10 00	1 50	20 10	3 42	21 90	.....	2 59	.....	22 70	268 40
Mill Creek	250 00	15 00	.... ..	2 00	20 00	11 00	28 75	6 68	15 00	5 00	353 18	706 61
Mountain Creek	150 00	12 00	.....	1 00	15 00	7 25	x 17 25	.....	5 75	.....	1 75	199 35
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
Mt. Zion	161 00	16 90	.... ..	1 50	13 60	17 50	21 26	5 00	5 15	3 00	.....	304 91
New Light	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	3 24	3 10	1 92	.....	5 00	.....	8 41	97 67
Olive Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	1000 00	117 00	21 03	3 00	68 50	74 60	170 85	7 76	40 17	7 00	180 20	1725 11
Peace Chapel	75 00	.....	20 00	1 05	3 10	1 20	4 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	105 35
Pleasant Grove	75 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	3 15	.....	3 75	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	92 90
Poplar Creek	150 00	8 00	.....	1 00	18 21	8 00	15 85	.....	6 38	3 00	1 00	210 94
Providence	60 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 50	65	.....	.....	.....	72	63 87
Rock Springs	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	8 38	4 62	6 00	1 56	.....	1 80	3 20	125 56
Roxboro	450 00	53 25	39 00	2 00	28 00	3 00	3 00	.....	21 05	.....	374 88	977 18
Sharon	60 00	.....	.....	60	1 75	2 00	2 60	.....	.....	.....	50 00	116 60
Snow Hill	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	2 26	2 60	.....	2 08	.....	.....	5 36
State Line	115 00	3 75	3 00	1 00	2 80	3 00	3 00	80	3 35	1 70	30 00	167 40
Stovall	125 00	15 76	3 42	1 00	9 45	4 69	11 10	.....	7 65	.....	27 25	205 32
Tally Ho	125 00	.....	.....	1 00	50	50	3 81	50	75	.....	.....	144 00
Slaughter Estate	20 00	.....	.....	.....	170 05	....	x 113 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
	$4651 00	216 10	200 00	$36 00	$ 626 05	$ 196 00	$ 786 37	163 57	$215	$38 25	$626 38	$8037 12

Gospel Missions Slaughter Estate, $113.37. x Gospel Missions.
Contributed by Sunbeams, Oxford, to Foreign Missions, $35.00.
" " Oxford to church building, Tabb's Creek, $100.00
" " W. M. society to State Missions, 326.50.
" " " box to Home Missions, $28.75.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPT'S.	POST OFFICES	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Collection.
Amis Chapel.	W. T. Chandler..	Buchanan N. C.	5	65	65	$10 61
Antioch	C. H. Tapp.....	Ai,... .... "	7	60	60	.....
Bethany	A. B. Tilley	Moriah,.... "	6	40	30	.....
Bethel.....	A. J. Crutchfield	Mayo,..... Va.	13	85	175	98 26
Corinth	D. W. Eakes.....	Clay, ... N. C.	7	70	36	7 50
Creedmoor ...	J. M. Neathery .	Creedmoor, "	5	51	20	.....
Enon	T. J. Smith.....	Hargrove.... "	7	80	65	43 29
Fellowship ...	S. A. Cannady ...	Beck..... "	6	56	50	5 00
Flat River Union	E. J. Nance	Stem..... "	7	45	60	8 00
Florence Avenue	J. S. Wintree....	Virgilina.... Va.	4	20	25	.....
Grassy Creek.	J. H. Chandler..	Bullock....N. C.	10	70	79	6 30
Hesters.....	B. F. Dean	Sunset..... "	10	120	150	41 26
Island Creek..	L Evans.....	Williamsboro "	12	175	180	10 00
Mill Creek....	T. H. Street.....	Mill Creek... "	15	121	70	12 50
Mountain Creek.	J. S. Eakes	Cornwall.... "	7	60	61	5 75
Mt. Harmony	Spencer E. Peed.	Surl..... . "	5	42	45	.....
Mt. Zion.....	B. D. Howard...	Oxford..... "	9	65	72	41 01
Oxford..... ...	F. W. Hancock..	Oxford..... "	13	180	972	55 05
Peace Chapel	D. G. Brannitt ..	Foreport... "	5	40	34	.....
Poplar Creek.	J. L. Capps.....	Carlton..... "	9	34	74	8 76
Rock Spring..	J. S. Royster. ..	Woodworth "	6	62	70	89
Roxboro	C. W. Carter. ...	Roxboro... "	9	100	68	65 95
Sharon	J. C. Currin..	Berea..... "	5	30	30	.....
Snow Hill....	B. F. Gentry	Allensville.. "	5	65	55	.....
State Line....	B. F. Frazier	Bullock.... "	8	50	55	3 00
Tally Ho	H. M. Bragg.....	Stem..... ... "	3	40	50	.....
Stovall	D. M. Stovall....	Stovall..... "	6	50	50	.....
			204	1875	3206	559 80

CONTRIBUTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Amis Chapel: Orphanage $10.61. Corinth: State Missions $2.07, Orphanage $5.43 Enon: State Mis. $8.18, Home Mis. $8.18, Foreign Mis. $8.18. Orphanage $18.75. Flat River Union: Orphanage $8.00. Grassy Creek: State Mis. $1.00, S. S. $2.50, Orphanage $2.80. Hesters: Foreign Mis. $5.00, Bible Funds $4.72, Orphanage $10.00, India Famine Fund $10.00. Mountain Creek: Gospel Mis. $5.75. Mt. Zion: State Mis. $7.00, For. Mis. $4.22, Orphanage $7.32, India Relief $13.26. Poplar Creek: State Mis. $2.92, For. Mis. $2.92, Orphanage $2.94. Rock Spring S. S. Mis. 89 cts. Roxboro: Orphanage $15.95. State Line: Foreign Mis. $1.50, Orphanage $1.50.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Gain	Loss.
Amis Chapel		2		2		5	150		1
Antioch	6			2		5	101	6	7
Bethany	5	6	2		2	4	75	13	6
Bethel	22	5	4	6	3	2	211	31	11
Concord	5				5	6	109	5	11
Corinth	4	4	1	3	33	2	116	9	38
Creedmoor		1					13	1	
Enon			1	17	4	1	143	1	22
Fellowship	8	1	1	5	1	1	121	10	7
Flat River Union	2		1	5	2	7	137	3	14
Florence Avenue	2				2	4	59	2	6
Grassy Creek		9	1	11	4	2	207	10	17
Hesters		4		9	2	2	183	4	13
Island Creek	6	1		11	1	7	215	7	19
Mill Creek	18	9	5	7	2	2	251	32	11
Mountain Creek	15	8	1	10	7	1	229	24	8
Mt Harmony	2		1		1	2	48	3	3
Mt. Zion		4	3	6	1	2	191	7	9
New Light									
Olive Branch			2	9	10	4	99	2	23
Olive Grove									
Oxford	23	7	1	16		1	264	31	17
Peace Chapel		2		2		1	90	2	3
Pleasant Grove	3	1		2	6	1	91	4	9
Poplar Creek	5	4	2	5	2	1	134	11	8
Providence	9		1	6	1	1	81	10	8
Rock Springs	3	3	1	6	1	1	101	7	8
Roxboro	2	7		4			98	9	4
Sharon	3			2			62	2	
Snow Hill		2		2	1	1	38	2	3
State Line		5		4	2	1	123	5	7
Stovall		12	1	10	1	2	174	13	13
Tally Ho	13	8	4	7		1	225	25	8
Total	154	105	35	168	92	66	4141	292	319

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis Chapel.	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, N. C	J. W. Chandler..	Buchanan, N. C.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Antioch	W. B. Morton...	Roxboro, "	J. M. Denny... .	Roseville, "	1st " " " "
Bethany	J. A. Stradley...	Oxford, "	J. T. Newton...	Moriah, "	2nd " " " "
Bethel.....	P. H. Fontaine..	Bethel Hill, "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill, "	3rd " " " "
Concord	M. A. Adams....	Carey, "	Leo A. Lyon.....	Lyons, "	2nd " " " "
Corinth	Geo. E. Spruill..	Franklinton, "	C. R. Gordon....	Clay, "	2nd " " " "
Creedmoor ...	J. L. Martin....	Creedmoor, "	S. H. Rogers....	Creedmoor, "	3rd Sun. 3 p. m., 1st Sun. 7.
Enon	R. H. Marsh.....	Oxford, "	T. J. Smith.....	Hargrove, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Fellowship ...	J. A. Brindle....	Wake Forest "	M.-F. Adcock....	Beck. "	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	M. A. Adams....	Carey, "	M. B. Waller....	Knapp of Reeds "	4th " " " "
Florence Avenue	W. T. Creath....	Elmo, Va.	J. S. Wintree...	Elmo, Va.	3rd " " " "
Grassy Creek.	P. H. Fontaine..	Betbel Hill, N. C	H. W. Davis.....	Bullock, N. C.	4th " " " "
Hesters.....	R. H. Marsh....	Oxford, "	N. J. Puckett...	Sunset, "	2nd " " " "
Island Creek..	G. N. Bray.....	Henderson, "	H. T. Shanks....	Williamsboro "	3rd " " " "
Mill Creek....	G. T. Watkins..	Clarksville, Va.	J. L. Gentry....	Allensville, "	1st " " " "
Mountain Creek.	E. Y. Pool.....	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. S. Eakes	Cornwall, "	3rd " " " "
Mt. Harmony	E. Y. Pool.....	" " "	J. K. Jones.....	Surl, "	4th " " " "
Mt. Zion.....	R. H. Marsh.....	Oxford, "	Nat Jones.....	Culbreth, "	1st " " " "
New Light....	No letter...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch.	E. Y. Pool.....	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock, "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Olive Grove ..	No letter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford..... ...	J. S. Hardaway.	Oxford, "	H. M. Shaw	Oxford, "	Twice each Sabbath,
Peace Chapel	E R. Harris.....	Wake Forest "	W. A Parham..	Watkins, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson.	Neuse, "	W. A. Hester....	Hesters, "	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek.	W. R. Cullom...	Wake Forest "	H. M. Wright....	Carlton, "	1st " " " "
Providence..	J. H. Gordon...	Averett, "	J. H. Yarborough	Roxboro, "	3rd " " " "
Rock Spring..	J. A. Stradley...	Oxford, "	J. W. Harris....	Woodworth, "	1st " " " "
Roxboro	W. B. Morton...	Roxboro, "	Jno. A. Noell...	Roxboro, "	2nd & 4th Sun. a m every p m.
Sharon	E. Y. Pool.....	Bethel Hill, "	W. A. McFarland	Berea, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Snow Hill....	J. H. Gordon....	Averett, "	J. E. Montague.	Allensville, "	4th " " " "
State Line....	R. H. Marsh.....	Oxford, "	T. A. Royster...	Bullock, "	3rd " " " "
Stovall	W. F. Fry.....	Durham, "	E. M. Hart.....	Dexter, "	1st " " " "
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin....	Creedmoor, "	C. H. Pipser. ..	Hargrove, "	3rd " " " "

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OF THE

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HELD WITH

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH,

JULY 16, 17, 18, 1901.

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ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be:—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderotor, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES:

Member of Board of Missions: F. W. Hancock.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: P. H. Fontaine.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: I. N. Day, P. C. Parham, S. L. Howard.

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" W. R. Cullom,*	Wake Forest, "
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" J. H. Gordon,	Averett, Va.
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, N. C.
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" R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "
" W. B. Morton,	Roxboro, "
" E. Y. Pool,	Rougemont, "
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "
" G. T. Watkins,	Clarksville, Va.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Rev. R. I. Devin,	Oxford, N. C.
" J. W. Downey,	Buchanan, "
" G. W. Green,	China.
" T. J. Hudson,	China.
" J. K. Humphries,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
" R. H. Jones,	Ai, "
" J. J. Lansdell,	Durham, "
" J. R. Pace,	Oxford, "

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Foreign Missions,	W. R. Cullom.
Home Missions,	R. H. Marsh.
State Missions,	J. A. Beam.
Education,	W. B. Morton.
Periodicals,	T. H. Street.
Sunday School,	G. T. Watkins.
Ministerial Relief,	P. H. Fontaine.
Family Prayers,	J. H. Gordon.
Temperance,	M. A. Adams.
Orphanage,	J. S. Hardaway.

* Absent.

MINUTES.

MORIAH, N. C., July 16, 1901.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met today in its one hundred and eighth annual session with Bethany Baptist Church, Moriah, N. C. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. T. Watkins, Clarksville, Va. Subject: "Some Secrets in Religion."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with J. A. Stradley, Moderator of the previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by E. R. Harris. Special prayer was offered by J. S. Hardaway in behalf of Bro. J. H. Copley. Roll of churches called and list delegates read.

AMIS CHAPEL—0.
ANTIOCH—W. A. Barton, Jr., J. H. Rogers, C. H. Tapp.
BETHEL—J. C. Jones.
BETHANY—R. J. Day, A. J. Tilley, D. C. Cozart.
CONCORD—Leo Lyon.
CORINTH—0.
CREEDMOOR—J. L. Peed.
ENON—J. M. Phipps, H. Hester, D. C. Frazier.
FELLOWSHIP—0.
FLAT RIVER UNION—C. Tilly, Joseph Veazy, Frank Kelly.
FLORENCE AVENUE—J. S. Winfree.
GRASSY CREEK—C. B. Wilkerson.
HESTERS—L. F. Currin, J. B. Pruitt.
ISLAND CREEK—W. G. Sneed.

Mt. Zion—Sol O'Briant, B. D. Howard, E. B. Meadows.
Mill Creek—T. H. Street, Wm. Wrenn.
Mountain Creek—R. W. Wilkerson,
Mt. Harmony—J. N. O'Briant, S. D. Frazier, F. H. Jones.
Oxford—J. F. Meadows, E. K. Howard, T. G. Currin.
Olive Branch—J. P. Stovall.
Olive Grove—E. E. Chappel, Bryant Keith.
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester.
Peace Chapel—D. G. Brummit J. L. Latta.
Providence—J. N. Chambers, H. W. Buchanan.
Poplar Creek—P. C. Parham, Henry Critcher.
Rock Spring—J. T. Bowling.
Roxboro—J. H. Carver, J. A. Noell, W. A. Bradsher.
Stovall—L. D. Veazy, R. H. Butler.
Sharon—J. C. O'Briant, H. G. McFarland.
Snow Hill—J. E. Montague.
State Line—B. T. Frazier.
Tally Ho—C. H. Piper, G. W. Stem.

The Association then went into election of its officers, which resulted in the re-election J. A. Stradley Moderator, J. C. Howard Clerk and J. A. Noell Treasurer. The Moderator appointed J. S. Hardaway, T. H. Street and G. T. Watkins as Committee on order of business. J. W. Cobb representing the Biblical Recorder was welcomed to the Association. W. R. Cullom spoke briefly in behalf of Wake Forest College. W. B. Morton made report for the Committee appointed at the last Association to adjust the difficulty in Corinth church. Report received, and thanks returned to the Committee for adjusting said difficulty.

Committee on order of business reports.

Tuesday,	2:45	P. M.	Periodicals.
"	3:30	"	Temperance.
"	4:00	"	Family Prayer.
Wednesday,	9:30	A. M.	Devetional Exercises.
"	10:00	"	Home Missions.
"	11:00	"	State Missions.
"	12:00	"	Ministers Relief Board.

Adjourn 1 P. M. to 2 P. M.
Wednesday, 2 to 3:00 P. M. Education.
" 3 " 4:00 " 20th Century movement on Education.
" 4 " 5:00 " State of the church.
Thursday, 9:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises.
" 10 to 11:00 A. M. Foreign Missions.
" 11 " 11:45 " Sunday School.
" 11:45 to 12:30 P. M. Orphanage.
" 12:30 to adjournment Miscellaneons business.

The Moderator appointed R. H. Marsh and the Deacons of Bethany church viz: W. A. Malone, J. R. Day, A. B. Tilley and James Copley, as a committee on Religious Exercises. R. H. Marsh reported immediately that E. R. Harris would preach at the stand at once, and Wednesday at 11 o'clock, W. R. Cullom will conduct the exercises at the stand.

W. B. Morton read the following as

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The greatest appointed means of spreading the good tidings of salvation through Christ is preaching. And this, nothing, can supersede. Hence the wisdom of our fathers in giving first importance to an educated ministry, seeing as they did that preaching must always be a necessity, and good preaching a mighty power.

Next to this is the religious periodical. Printing has become a great and powerful agency for good; and Christians should employ it, with the utmost diligence and in every possible way for the spread of truth.

We are highly favored in having as our denominational organ the BIBLICAL RECORDER—a paper "devoted to Bible religion, education, literature and general intelligence"—a paper which has perhaps done more to influence the life and shape the character and destiny of North Carolina Baptists than any other agency or single institution among us save that of the living ministry.

Another paper which is fast and worthy finding a permanent place in our homes and hearts, and which is destined to become a great power for pure and undefiled religion is CHARITY AND CHILDREN.

The Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field are in their respective spheres doing great good, and we urge the importance of our peple taking and reading these and such

other religious periodicals as they may find most helpful to the furtherance of the kingdom of our Lord.

Printing can never take the place of the living word, but it can be used powerfully as the pastor's friend and assistant, and should be so employed.

W. B. MORTON, Com.

After discussion by W. B. Morton, J. W. Cobb, R. H. Marsh and B. D. Howard, the report was adopted.

T. H. Street read the following as

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

So much having been written and spoken on the subject we are fearful a large proportion of our membership has become indifferent as to reports and speeches, when at the same time use of intoxicants is making serious inroads into our ranks.

We believe excessive use of stimulants together with the moderate use of same is proving one of the greatest hindrances to Christian growth and of speedily bringing the world to Christ.

Therefore we recommend to our churches moral, rigid and prompt discipline upon all offending members. And we futher recommend the report being given a more prominent place in the order of business and thereby encourage a thorough discussion and a firmer stand, more in accord with the Bible.

T. H. STREET, Com.

After discussion by T. H. Street and J. A. Beam, time expired. On motion, time is extended for further discussion by P. H. Fontaine and J. A. Stradley. Report adopted.

E. Y. Pool read the following as

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

That child is to be pitied who has reached the years of accountability and has never heard his father or mother pray. Family prayer is essential to Christian development. It trains each member of that home to a daily dependence upon God, as well as to thankfulnesss to Him for the blessings of life.

We deem it the duty of every Christian who is held responsible for the home, to daily, in his home, with his family, devote some time to the service of God.

My experience teaches me that those people who have family prayers, are the most useful in every department of Christian work in the church, as well as the most influential in their community. E. Y. POOL, Com.

The above report was discussed by E. Y. Pool, P. C. Par-

ham, G. T. Watkins, J. S Hardaway, R. H. Marsh, J. A. Beam, W. B. Morton and J. A. Stradley, then adopted.

On motion a committee, consisiting of T. H. Street, P. H. Fontaine and B. D. Howard is appointed to make a report on the State of the Churches.

J. S. Hardaway, W. B. Morton and Pervis Tilly are appointed to digest Church Letters.. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises conducted by E. Y. Pool. Among the visitors were welcomed brethren Livingston Johnson, Cor. Sec. of the State Mis. Board; J. W Bailey, Editor of the Recorder; Jno. E. Ray, Sup't of the Deaf and Blind Institute, Raleigh, N. C.; T. Neil Johnson, Sunday School Field Sec., Raleigh, N. C., and O. L. Stringfield, Raleigh, N. C.

J. A. Beam read the following as

HOME MISSION REPORT.

In all our history, we have never heard such urgent calls for the gospel as now comes through the Home Mission Board from Porto Rico, Cuba our western frontiers, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, our mountain regions and our colored people. Surely mortals never had a grander opportunity than the Southern Baptists have today of possessing these fields for Christ. Foreigners are thronging our shores; northerners are pouring into our Southland; capital is seeking a home with us; factories are springing up at an unheard of rate; our rich mines astonish the world; our great oil wells seemed destined to run our trains as well as furnish light for millions; indeed no prophet can approximate the wonderful material progress of the South for even the next 20 years. With all this increase of population and material growth our responsibilities and opportunities are proportionately multiplied. More missionaries must be put in the field. The number already sent out by the Boards is only the earnest of what must follow if we would save the millions for Christ, and for the Baptists.

Every dollar invested in Home Missions bring large returns. Thirty years ago Dallas, Texas, was a frontier town. Today the First Baptist Church of Dallas gives more to Missions alone, than the combined contributions of all the 35 churches of the Flat River Association to every object. Our hearts have been greatly moved by the sad death of our efficient and greatly beloved secretary, Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, and we pray and

believe that God will raise up a man to carry on this great work for the glory of His name.

J. A. Beam, Com.

Discussed by J. A. Beam and John E. Ray then adopted.

P. H. Fontaine read the following as

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

According to the minute of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for 1900 the statistics of State Missions are as follows: Missionaries 97; sermons preached 7,543; churches supplied 595; out stations supplied 378; persons and families religiously visited 16,179; baptized 981; added by letter 675; protracted meetings held 255; professed conversions 1,501; houses of worship building 23; finished during 1900 8; assisted in the organization of churches 13; Bibles and Testaments distributed 959; tracts distributed 21,727; receipts $18,813.18; disbursements $18,317.31; balance on hand $495.87.

The Board is trying to raise $25,000 for this year.

At the last meeting of this Association the churches reported $626.05 for State Missions. We recommend that this Association increase its contributions to State Missions at least twenty five per cent.

P. H. Fontaine, Com.

Discussed by P. H. Fontaine and Livingston Johnson. Time extended 30 minutes for further discussion by Livingston Johnson. After special prayer by J. S. Hardaway for State Missions, the report was adopted.

On motion of R. H. Marsh, a committee of three is appointed to nominate a committee of five in the Association to be known as a committee on Missions.

R. H. Marsh offered the following

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Baptist Ministers Relief Board is located in Durham, N. C., and is composed of nine members, who are elected by the State Convention annually. The object of this Board is to aid in the support of aged and disabled Baptist ministers and their families. Its revenue is derived from the voluntary contributions of individuals and churches. The constitution under which the Board acts requires that one-third of all the money received shall be invested as a permament interest-bearing fund, and the remaining two-thirds, with the accrued interest on the invested fund, shall be distributed, at the discretion of the Board, according to the needs of the beneficiaries. All applications for aid must be endorsed by the Moderator

and Executive Committee of the Association to which the applicant may belong. During the past year twenty-two worthy beneficiaries were aided at an average cost of $50 for the year. This amount is less than was needed for the necessities of life, and in some cases was the only means of support. The amount of interest-bearing fund is now about $3,000 leaving something like $900 to be raised by contribution. Of this we paid $25.96 last year. The Bible rule for ministerial support is: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." By "living" is meant a support while the laborer lives, and not victuals and clothes while in actual service. More than a "living" cannot be demanded, but the exact kind of living, not being designated, is left to the enlightened Christian conscience. Generally preachers are supported by "gifts" and not according to their services, and so they live from "hand to mouth," on a salary that does not exceed the amount demanded by the actual necessities of life. When the spirit of liberality does prevail the "unmuzzled ox" has a good living, but usually he lives upon it all, and there is no provision made for old age; loss of time incident to changes in work, or disability. "The labourer is worthy of his reward," but his "hire" is practically determined by his poverty and not by his worth as a wage-earner. Some how God calls men to preach, and aptness to make money does not enter into qualification; so it often happens when old age or the day of adversity comes maney of our most useful and most consecrated ministers, find themselves thrust upon the cold charity of the world.

Some preachers seek protection against such necessity by resort to life insurance or supplementary secular work, while others "give themselves wholly" to the ministry. Ministerial Relief is a kind of Providential endowment for those who are unable to obtain and carry insurance, and who solely lean upon His word.

The State cares for its poor, but poor saints are given as a precious legacy to the churches for support. A worthy Baptist in a poor house is repudiation of Christ's authority and a shame on the church. Poor ministers, who are made such by the nature of their service and calling are worthy of the privilege of gleaning among the churches and of having an extra handfull left on purpose for their benefit.

Individual churches that may hold in their membership disabled preachers, usually are charged with the duty of taking care of their pastors, and the additional responsibility of a worn out preacher might be considered a double tax. Preachers belong in service to the churches, and in all honesty and

fair dealing, should be supported by those in whose service they became disabled. The man who grows old or becomes disabled in any service is considered by those served as worthy of a life pension. The children of light ought to be as wise and as benevolent as the children of this world.

The growing demand of the churches for strong and able young men is an additional reason and necessity for the care on the part of the churches of the prematurely aged and infirm. Where the dead line is drawn by the churches there ought charity to begin.

For these reasons we are glad to note an increased and growing interest among our churches in behalf of this noble charity, and commend the same to the full sympathy and support of all the churches. Respectfully submitted

R. H. MARSH.

Report adopted without discussion.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported L. Johnson to preach at the stand in the afternoon of the second day. Adjournment.

A committee composed of W. B. Morton, R. H. Marsh, E. Y. Pool and J. S. Hardaway is appointed on obituaries.

Sol O'Briant, C. H. Piper and L. R. Veazy are appointed on a committee to arrange the Time, Place and Preacher for the next meeting of this Association.

J. S. Hardaway, E. A. Howard, Sol O'Bryant, B. F. Dean and A. C. Parham were nominated as the committee on Missions.

J. W. Bailey offered the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Christianity is the mother of true education. Its purpose is to increase in the minds of the people the knowledge of God. To know God as Father and Jesus Christ His Son is Eternal Life.

As Baptists we stand for all that Christianity stands for; and, therefore, it is our duty to encourage education; and not only so, but since many are unable to educate themselves, and since there are both true and false ideals of education, it is our duty to provide for the education of those who are unable to provide for themselves, and also to provide the right kind of education.

Education is, however, a parental obligation. The churches must urge fathers and mothers to educate their children, therefore,

Since in the free schools lies the only hope of elementary education for nine-tenths of the children, we urge the improvement of these schools and we would advise all who cannot do better to send their children to them.

And in view of the fact that the State cannot provide Christian Education in the fulness that the absolutely Christian bodies do, and in view of the fact that the free schools are not adequately provided for; and in view of the fact that the State's policy in higher education is hurtful to the Christian Colleges and therefore to the Christian bodies, we would that the State did devote all the educational funds whatever to the free schools.

We commend heartily to our people the institutions of our denomination, Wake Forest College and the Baptist Female University. We also commend the Oxford Seminary, whose good work is so well known; and likewise the Bethel Hill Institute, whose usefulness needs not to be proved.

We also commend to our people the work of the Board of Education in aiding indigent young ministers.

After discussion by W. R. Cullom, J. A. Beam and W. B. Morton, the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourns to the stand, where G. T. Watkins read the

REPORT ON THE 20TH CENTURY EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

At the session of the Baptist State Convention held with 1st Church in Raleigh last December, it was agreed to raise, during the present year, the sum of $100,000. Which sum is to be used in paying off the indebtedness of the Female University and for the endowment of Wake Forest College, Chowan Baptist Female Institute and Mars Hill College and others. The prosecution of this work was placed in the hands of a Central Committee, to be aided by Associational Executive and local Committees. The Central Committee met and divided this proposed sum to be raised between the different Associations of the State. The sum asked of the Flat River is $2000,00. The Executive Committee of this Association has met and made the apportionment between the churches, which is as follows, on a basis of about 50 cents a member :

Amis Chapel $70.00; Antioch $50.00; Bethel Hill $100.00; Bethany $30.00; Concord $50.00; Corinth $50,00; Creedmoor $6.00; Enon $70,00; Fellowship $60.00; Flat River Union $68.00; Florence Avenue $30.00; Grassy Creek $100.00; Hesters $90.00; Island Creek $100.00; Mill Creek $125,00; Moun-

tain Creek $115.00; Mt. Harmony $20.00; Mt. Zion $95.00; New Light $50.00; Olive Branch $54.00; Olive Grove $25.00; Oxford $500.00; Peace Chapel $45.00; Pleasant Grove $45.00; Poplar Creek $60.00; Providence $40.00; Rock Spring $50.00; Sharon $30.00; Snow Hill $20.00; State Line $60.00; Stovall $80.00; Tally Ho $100.00; Roxboro $250.00.

Now we wish to lay upon the hearts of the churches, the pastors, the local committee, yea upon the individual members this great work. We have a membership of 4141 in the Association. To raise this two thousand dollars will require not quite fifty cents per capita. Surely this work need discourage no one, but on the other hand be a stimulus to us to do greater deeds for God. Your Committee recommends this great movement to each member as worthy of your study, prayer and gifts. With faith in God's promises, the movement before us, the churches of this Association, we offer the following resolution. Whereas, the Flat River Association is in hearty accord with the movement inaugurated by the Baptist State Convention to raise $100000. this year, as a memorial of God's blessing upon us in the last hundred years; and whereas, we approve of the appropriation of that fund to our institutions of learning, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we heartily commend to our churches this movement, and we entreat them to organize for this purpose and to make a canvass of their membership for contributions.

Submitted, G. T. WATKINS.

The above report being ably discussed by J. W. Bailey and O. L. Stringfield, it was unanimously adopted.

Report on the State of the Churches postponed until Thursday morning. Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. H. Gordon.

Minutes of the previous day's session read and approved.

On motion the Clerk is instructed to enroll in the minutes only the names of the delegates that have been or are now present at this meeting of the Association.

On motion an Executive Committee for the Association is appointed composed of F. W. Hancock, A. F. Smith, and J. M. Phipps.

The Association adopted the following Resolution which was offered by W. R. Cullom:

RESOLVED, That the Central Committee on the Century

movement be requested to preserve the name of each giver to this movement, and that such names be buried behind a memorial stone placed at a suitable place at Wake Forest College and at the Baptist Female University.

On motion the Report on the State of the Churches and Digest of Church Letters are allowed to be read together, and were adopted as follows:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We are only able to make an incomplete record for want of time to get proper statistics. However for the past ten years, we find from the Minutes, that our contributions have been about the same, when our watchword should have been advance, and if agencies could be put in force to reach a majority of our members, contributions would be doubled. Our present per capita contributions are small, very small. We believe an Associational Missionary Colporter, and Fifth Sunday Meetings would be a great stimulus to advance.

T. H. STREET.

J. S. Hardaway offered the following, for the Committee as

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

STATISTICS—Baptized 278; Received by Letter 145; Restored 40. Total added 463. Dismissed by Letter 165; Excluded 63; Died 48. Total lost 276. Total membership 4,345. Net gain 187.

CONTRIBUTIONS—Minute Fund $36.57; Foreign Missions $327 22; Home Missions $246 12; State Missions $270 41; Sunday School Missions $1 35; Orphanage $215 78; Ministerial Education $135 45; Ministers Relief Board $32 96; Other Objects $193 60. Total $1456 96.

CHURCH EXPENSES—Pastor's Salary $4800 00; Incidental Expenses $545 27; Poor Fund $54 11; Repairs $297 44; For Houses of Worship $2666 00; Other Objects $277 27. Sum total Church Expenses $8639 09.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS—Foreign Missions $69.84; Home Missions $7.04; State Missions $19.96; Orphanage $105.41.. Total contributed $202.25.

NOTES—7 report no schools. 7 Sunday Schools give to Orphanage. 4 to Foreign Missions. 3 to State Missions. 1 to Home Missions. 3 churches have given to Gospel Missions $236.71.

W. B. MORTON,
J. S. HARDAWAY,
A. J. TILLY,
Committee.

Discussed by J. S. Hardaway and G. T. Watkins. On motion, all time remaining, except thirty minutes is devoted to this discussion.

Jno. S. Hardaway read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Every well regulated church must have a Sunday School. In a well regulated church, the Sunday School should have as many members as the church. The whole church should be at work in the Sunday School.

We have in the Flat River Association thirty three churches —of these there are seven that have no Sunday School. These seven churches will average a membership of about 75.

The other twenty six churches have Sunday Schools. While the Association claims a membership of 4141, the churches have in their Sunday Schools only 1875.

Only twelve of our thirty three churches are reported as contributing to Missions and other objects of benevolence through their Sunday Schools. This is a great pity, and a significant fact.

A study of the Sunday School statistics of the Flat River Association will show that our Association is far behind in Sunday School work.

Our needs.

1. There is an imperative need of an awakening in the churches to a sense of the importance of this great work. A church with three fourths of its members indifferent to the Sunday Sohool is a very lukewarm church.

2. We MUST strongly organize and regularly conduct Sunday School Institutes. It would be well for our Association to employ a man for twelve months to do this work, and to circulate Baptist books and tracts.

3. We MUST raise the standard of TEACHING in our Sunday Schools.

4. The churches should defray all the expenses of the Sunday School, and the Sunday Schools should contribute to our benevolent and missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. HARDAWAY, Com.

Discussion of the last three mentioned reports continued by P. C. Parham, J. A. Beam, W. R. Cullom, E. Y. Pool, R. H. Marsh and T. Neal Johnson. On motion the report is adopted by amending as follows: A Committee be appointed to find what amount the pastors can raise, and a Missionary be ap-

pointed. R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway and P. H. Fontaine appointed on this Committee.

G. T. Watkins read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our hearts rejoice to know that in this the first year of the 20th Century we can present such an encouraging report from our Foreign work.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE:—No department of our denominational work has made more progress in finance in the closing decade of the 19th Century than that of Foreign Missions. During the last three years of that decade our contributions to that Board were nearly doubled—marvelous progress indeed. The wave of enthusiasm created at Louisville in '98 proved not to be a spasmodic bubble, but the great heaving of waters stirred from the bottom. If for the present decade we can continue this spirit of advancement, we will be spending in 1910 not much less than one half million of dollars for the evangelization of pagan and papal lands. Let us lift the old Flat River back to the place she occupied in Foreign Missions in North Carolina in the eighties.

THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED:—God very signally came to the rescue of his people, the very year they made the advance. In 1898 there were on the Foreign field 845 baptisms. In 1899 they increased to 1341. Surely there is reason for greater faith in God's promises, and a greater call to the work. Our stations are being better manned and thereby better able to prosecute the work with success. Our native preachers are being better trained for their work and are proving to be towers of strength to the brethren. The Bible women are better prepared, the schools better equipped and the churches are being well grounded in the faith. God be praised for the work of our brethren and sisters on the fields.

THE OUTLOOK:—Surely God is making bare his right arm in defense of His Gospel throughout the entire world. From all the fields come encouraging words. Our Missionaries are in the brightest spirits even in disturbed China, Bro. Chambers writes, "A new day is dawning for China." Dr. Bryan writes, "The outlook for Missions were never brighter." Bro. Lawton writes, "China for Christ". At the beginning of the 19th Century the churches were begging the world to let them give it the Gospel. The beginning of the 20th Century finds the world begging the churches to give it the Gospel. Your Committee recommends for the coming year an increase in Contributions of one hundred per cent over last year.

The above report adopted without discussion.

J. H. Gordon read the

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to report the condition of our Orphanage good. We have about 215 children. The Mills Memorial Building is just finished. They are now putting machinery in the shops, that the boys may labor readily. They are trying to put in some water works which the physicians say is necessary to prevent sickness. We are glad to notice the number of children has increased 43 since last year. We do most heartily recommend this worthy cause to all of our people carrying the name of Missionary Baptists.

The report adopted without discussion.

R. H. Marsh read the Obituary of T. J. Horner, which appears on another page.

On motion the clerk is instructed to wait only ten days for the remaining obituaries from the other Committeemen. Treasurer's report made by the clerk inserted on another page.

J. H. Gordon made some remarks in regard to the needs of Snow Hill Church. W. R. Cullom made a few similar remarks about Creedmoor Church.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the next meeting reported as follows: We recommend that this Association hold its next meeting Tuesday after the Second Sunday in July 1902 with Fellowship Baptist Church, and that the introductory sermon be preached by Rev. E. Y. Pool, Bethel Hill, N. C. Alternate J. H. Gordon, Averett, Va. Adopted.

SOL O'BRYANT,
L. D. VEAZY,
Committee.

For Standing Committees appointed by the Moderator, see first page.

J. S. Hardaway offered the following:

RESOLVED, That the Clerk be allowed $15 00 for his services, during this session of the Association, also $1 25 to pay postage and finish paying for blank Church Letters.

Adopted.

J. H. Gordon offered a resolution which was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be tendered

the brethren of this church and citizens of the community for their cordial hospitality shown us during this meeting.

On motion the advertising matter is left with Clerk, and if there be a surplus after paying for the Minutes, he be allowed $5 00 for soliciting advertisements.

After prayer by G. T. Watkins the congregation joined in singing a hymn, then adjourned to meet at Time and Place mentioned before.

J. A. STRADLEY, MODERATOR.
J. C. HOWARD, CLERK.

OBITUARIES.

LAMBERTH.—In the county of Rockingham, and two miles from the town of Reidsville, Joseph Henry Lamberth was born June 4, 1854.

Left an orphan at a tender age he spent the last of his childhood and early youth in the home of his aged grandmother, Mrs. Pritchett, where his uncle, Mr. William Pritchett, taught him to work on the farm. He joined the Reidsville Baptist church and was baptized by Rev. P. H. Fontaine who was for ten years his pastor, and whom he always considered his father in the ministry. Bro. Lamberth was eighteen years old when he professed conversion. Not long after his profession of religion he was impressed with the thought that God wanted him to preach. After advising with experienced ministers as to what constitutes a call to preach, and after much deliberation and earnest prayer he decided to give himself wholly to the gospel ministry.

His early education was confined to an irregular attendance upon the public schools. He was twenty-four years old when he went to college. He spent four years, 1879-1883, at Wake Forest. In the fall of '83 he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where in May, '85, he graduated in the full English course.

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Wake Forest College, June '84, and entered the pastorate in the fall of '85, his field consisting of Roxboro, Ephesus, Clement and Lea Bethel. During his eight years pastorate in Roxboro he preached at Antioch and Mill Creek also. He then accepted a call to Greenville, where he spent two years. Then at Mt. Airy two years. At the time of his last illness he was pastor at Lexington, Leaksville, and Ephesus; but realizing his inability to do the work of a pastor, he resigned Lexington and Leaksville in April. This cost him a great effort.

At the time of his death he was pastor of only one church—Ephesus.

As pastor, preacher and evangelist his life was abundantly fruitful, and he has left most substantial tokens of an honest and acceptable service. His methods of church work were unique. His sermons were long, and he collected his own salary. He loved the church. He believed that it was the divinely appointed agency for the salvation of sinners, and for the moral uplifting of humanity; that it was charged with the duty of caring for the poor and needy. His death is a serious bereavement to the large circle of his friends.

He came to Roxboro, April 3, to rest. April 9, in the new Baptist church here, he preached, from John 3 :3, his last sermon. It was fitting that he should close his ministry here where fourteen years ago he commenced it.

When the summons came he was ready. He died without a struggle—it was a closing of the eyes in sleep—on Sunday morning, May 28, 1899.

In accordance with his own request his body was carried to Reidsville, where the funeral was conducted by Rev. F. H Jones, Dr. H. A. Brown and others, and then laid to rest beside that of his brother, until the morn of the resurrection, when we hope to meet him in that rest that remaineth to the people of God.

"Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

W. B. MORTON.

HORNER:—Rev. Thomas Jefferson Horner was a native of Granville County, and died at Henherson, N. C July 4, 1900, aged 77 years. He was baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Zion church May 4, 1850 by Rev. James King. He entered the ministry in 1859, and for a quarter of a century was an honored leader in the Lord's work. He preached at Mt. Zion 22 years, and also served most acceptably Bethel, Tally Ho, Bethany, Tabb's Creek, Rock Spring and State Line. By his long ministry, faithful work, blameless life and wise counsel, he won for himself a good name and a high degree of efficiency. He was also remarkably successful as an educator at Bethel Hill, Tally Ho, Oxford and Henderson. He lived and labored in the day of the greatest prosperity of our Association as one of the leading spirits.

MONTAGUE:—Rev. Edwin Jordan Montague was born Oct.

31, 1832, in Granville County, N. C. He was educated in the common schools and Mt. Energy Academy. He joined the Missionary Baptist church at Corinth, Granville County, in 1854. Taught school and studied the Bible from 1855 to 1867. He was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry Nov. 17, 1867, by the Baptist church at Tally Ho, N. C. The presbytery was composed of Elders W. H. Jordan, T. J. Horner and James P. Montague. From that time until his death he was a faithful minister and a consecrated Christian. He was pastor of Aarons Creek and North Fork churches in Va., and Mt. Harmony, Providence, Antioch and Snow Hill churches in Person County, N. C. He was pastor of Snow Hill at his death.

He married Dec. 5, 1869, Sarah V. Allen, and to them were born five daughters and one son.

He died Aug. 23, 1899, after a useful and devoted Christian life. He was a kind and faithful husband and a true and loving father. "Well done good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

E. Y. Pool, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amt. received,		$226 33	
" " "	for ad. in minutes,	9 00	
By amt. pd. S. H. Averett, Treas. Orphanage,			$ 36 10
" " "	Walter Durham, Treas. B. S. C.		152 93
" " "	J. C. Howard, Clerk,		15 00
" " "	" " " Soliciting ads. etc.		5 00
" " "	for printing minutes,		26 30
		$235 33	$235 33

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. NOELL, Treas.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses.	Charities.	Minute Fund.	Educati'n	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions
Amis Chapel	$ 150 00	$26 00	$.....	$ 1 50	$.....	$ 16 25	$ 5 32	$ 10 00	$18 43	$.....	$.....	$ 227 50
Antioch	125 00	5 00	.....	1 55	.....	5 00	3 43	3 43	.....	.....	.....	143 41
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 60	7 35	3 40	4 00	2 21	1 60	6 50	24 66
Bethel	150 00	12 00	.....	2 09	116 00	18 00	10 00	5 62	43 40	3 00	75 38	590 96
Concord	120 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 10	2 35	3 00	2 61	.....	1 55	132 61
Corinth	100 00	22 70	2 00	1 10	.....	.....	.....	3 45	3 78	.....	.....	130 32
Creedmoor	75 00	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 40
Enon	150 00	.....	.....	1 60	.....	9 75	12 25	16 85	21 75	6 30	.....	219 55
Fellowship	100 00	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	3 61	.....	.....	.....	1 00	110 61
Flat River Union	150 00	3 00	2 50	1 00	.....	.....	1 55	3 45	5 35	1 50	.....	163 85
Florence Avenue	120 00	53 42	2 68	1 00	2 00	4 00	2 50	2 50	3 50	1 00	50	190 00
Grassy Creek	150 00	13 75	.....	1 50	.....	15 04	8 50	20 00	11 48	1 35	9 40	228 77
Hesters	200 00	35 00	.....	93	1 25	7 00	4 00	4 00	10 52	3 25	6 00	271 95
Island Creek	150 00	15 00	.....	1 32	.....	11 03	4 31	9 75	2 61	.....	25 00	220 02
Mill Creek	250 00	12 00	.....	1 60	5 00	20 00	6 50	25 00	25 00	1 50	.....	346 00
Mountain Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	24 00	12 43	8 91	.....	.....	.....	211 74
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 85	.....	.....	4 25
Mt. Zion	150 00	15 00	.....	1 11	3 60	12 05	12 30	22 61	6 68	3 40	.....	226 75
New Light	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	5 35	2 25	7 09	.....	.....	7 00	97 69
Olive Grove	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	75 00	153 00
Oxford	1000 00	214 00	10 27	3 00	.....	35 50	114 50	132 99	30 00	7 00	.....	1536 99
Peace Chapel	75 00	30 00	.....	1 00	3 00	5 00	.....	4 20	2 35	.....	5 00	123 50
Pleasant Grove	75 00	.....	15 00	1 07	.....	5 00	.....	2 50	3 00	.....	.....	86 57
Poplar Creek	150 00	18 00	.....	75	10 00	23 90	17 25	19 75	8 35	2 60	300 30	568 15
Providence	60 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	50	78	40	.....	.....	40 00	102 68
Rock Spring	.....	4 65	.....	1 00	2 00	7 00	6 75	6 00	5 61	1 87	x 4 25	38 13
Roxboro	450 00	88 80	.....	2 00	.....	7 00	* 2 50	.....	8 00	.....	756 00	1312 57
Sharon	60 00	.....	.....	70	.....	3 95	3 52	3 90	1 50	.....	.....	73 57
Snow Hill	50 00	.....	.....	50	.....	92	92	.....	50	.....	.....	52 84
State Line	115 00	.....	10 00	1 20	.....	2 70	2 20	2 35	3 20	1 59	8 85	142 23
Stovall	125 00	12 00	.....	1 00	.....	16 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	154 12
Tally Ho	100 00	13 37	9 57	1 00	.....	3 00	3 65	3 50	5 10	.....	.....	129 62
Slaughter Estate	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	134 51	.....	89 68	.....	.....	.....	244 19
	$4720 00	598 69	$51 96	$37 57	135 45	$ 405 02	$ 246 67	$ 413 93	226 78	$35 96	$1313 73	$8244 20

Gospel Missions—Bethel $208 11, Fellowship $12 60, Mountain Creek $16 00 —S. S. $3 41, Slaughter Estate $44 83.

x Galveston Church.

* Jacksonville, Fla., Church.

Womans Miss. Society—Mt. Zion. Foreign Mis. $9 01, Home Mis. $5 50, State Mis. $4 55. Oxford. For. Mis. $31 70, Home Mis. $37 60, Box to Home Missionary $40 00, State Mis. $16 25. Sunbeam Society For. Mis. $26 00.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis Chapel.	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, N. C.	A. E. Garner....	Push, Va.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Antioch.....	W. B. Morton..	Roxboro, "	J. M. Denny....	Roseville, N. C.	1st " " " "
Bethany.....	J. A. Stradley.	Oxford, "	J. T. Newton....	Moriah, "	2nd " " " "
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, "	A. J. Crutchfield.	Mays, Va.	3rd " " " "
Concord	E. R. Harris ...	Wake Forest, "	Leo A. Lyon.....	Lyons, N. C.	2nd " " " "
Corinth.....	J. H. Gordon..	Averett, Va.	C. R. Gordon....	Oxford, "	2nd " " " "
Creedmoor...	W. R. Cullom..	Wake Forest, N. C.	S. H. Rogers...	Creedmoor, "	3rd Sun, 3 p.m., 1st Sun. 7
Enon.....	R. H. Marsh...	Oxford, "	T. J. Smith.....	Hargrove, "	4th Sun and Sat. before.
Fellowship...	J. A. Brindle...	Wake Forest, "	W. F. Adcock...	Beck, "	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	M. A. Adams...	Carey, "	M. B. Waller . .	Knapp of Reeds, "	4th " " " "
Florence Avenue	W. T. Creath..	Elmo, Va.	J. S. Winfree....	Elmo, Va	3rd " " " "
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. W. Winston..	Bullock. N. C.	4th " " " "
Hesters.....	R. H. Marsh....	Oxford, "	N. J. Puckett....	Sunset, "	2nd " " " "
Island Creek.	.....	.....	H. T. Shanks....	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " " "
Mill Creek..	G. T. Watkins..	Clarksville, Va.	G. W. Walker...	Trilby, "	1st " " " "
Mountain Creek.	E. Y. Pool.. ...	Rougemont, N. C.	J. S. Eakes.....	Cornwall, "	3rd " " " "
Mt. Harmony	E. Y. Pool.....	" " "	J. K. Jones.....	Surl, "	4th " " " "
Mt. Zion... .	R. H. Marsh...	Oxford, "	Nat Jones.....	Culbreth, "	1st " " " "
New Light..	No letter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	E. Y. Pool.....	Rougemont, "	J. P. Stovall....	Big Rock, "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before
Olive Grove..	J. W. Atkinson.	Raleigh, "	J. H. Keith..	Northside "	2nd "
Oxford.	J. S. Hardaway.	Oxford, "	H. M. Shaw...	Oxford, "	Twice each Sabbath.
Peace Chapel	E. R. Harris...	Wake Forest, "	W. A. Parham...	Watkins, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson.	Neuse, "	W. H. Hester....	Hesters, "	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	W. R. Cullom..	Wake Forest, "	C. P. Wright....	Carlton, "	1st " " " "
Providence ..	J. H. Gordon...	Averett, Va.	J. H. Yarbrough.	Roxboro, "	3rd " " " "
Rock Spring.	J. A. Stradley..	Oxford, N. C.	J. W. Harris...	Woodworth, "	1st " " " "
Roxboro	W. B. Morton..	Roxboro, "	Jno. A. Noell....	Roxboro, "	2nd & 4th Sun. a m every p m.
Sharon.....	E. Y. Pool.....	Rougemont, "	H. G. McFarland	Berea, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Snow Hill....	J. H. Gordon..	Averett, Va.	J. E. Montague..	Allensville, "	4th " " " "
State Line..	R. H. Marsh...	Oxford, N. C.	R. A. Norwood.	Bullock, "	3rd " " " "
Stovall.....	M. A. Adams...	Flint, "	E. M. Hart.....	Dexter "	1st " " " "
Tally Ho	J. A. Stradley.	Oxford "	G. J. Day	Stems, "	3rd " " " "

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership	Gain.	Loss.
Amis Chapel	15	5	3	4	2	1	164	23	7
Antioch			3	5	1	1	97	3	7
Bethany	6	5		2	2	2	80	11	6
Bethel	24	3		8		1	229	27	9
Concord				1		1	103	1	2
Corinth	2		2	9	1	2	145	4	12
Creedmoor		4		1			18	4	1
Enon	14	6	1	8		1	161	21	9
Fellowship	7	4	2	4		1	127	13	5
Flat River Union	6	1		8	1	4	131	7	13
Florence Avenue	8	1	1	6			66	10	6
Grassy Creek	16	11	5	11	5		220	32	16
Hesters	25	9		8	7		220	34	15
Island Creek	20	2		6	3	2	221	22	11
Mill Creek	7	3	5	8	12	2	231	15	22
Mountain Creek	9	6	5	7	3	2	234	20	12
Mt. Harmony				1	1	1	47		3
Mt. Zion		4		15	3	2	170	4	20
New Light (No letter)									
Olive Branch	11	2		2	1	1	108	13	4
Olive Grove					3	1	50		4
Oxford	7	16		8	1	2	276	23	11
Peace Chapel	17	2		4	1	3	97	19	8
Pleasant Grove		2		4		2	87	2	6
Poplar Creek	1	3		4			131	4	4
Providence		3		2	7	2	69	3	11
Rock Springs	9	3	2	3	2	2	113	14	7
Roxboro	13	13		4			118	26	4
Sharon		1				2	62	1	2
Snow Hill	6	11	1	2	1		39	18	3
State Line	10	11				4	143	21	4
Stovall	16	6	1	13	1	2	156	23	16
Tally Ho	10	8	1	8	12	4	214	19	24
Total	259	145	32	166	70	48	4327	436	284

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPT'S.	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken	Contributions
Amis Chapel.	A. D. Frazier.....	Buchanan, N. C.	6	40	50	$ 8 65
Antioch.....	C. H. Tapp.....	Ai, "	6	60	60	.....
Bethany.....	R. J. Day.....	Moriah, "	...	....	....	.....
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield.	Mayo, Va.	14	116	127	85 63
Concord	Oscar Coley	Lyons. N. C.	7	40	50	.....
Corinth	A. P Hobgood...	Oxford, "	6	70	48	.....
Creedmoor...	J. L Peed.....	Creedmoor, "	7	58	76	1 31
Enon.....	F. Y Currin.....	Oxford, "	8	120	68	43 18
Fellowship...	S. A. Cannady...	Beck, "	7	50	50	.....
Flat River Union	E. J. Nance.....	Stems, "	5	50	55	.....
Florence Avenue	J. S. Winfree....	Virgilina, Va.	...	60	74	10 50
Grassy Creek	J. H. Chandler..	Bullock. N. C.	8	60	63	.....
Hesters	B. F. Dean.....	Sunset, "	11	117	....	16 40
Island Creek.	Lonnie Evans....	Williamsboro, "	12	125	140	.....
Mill Creek..	T. H. Street.....	Mill Creek, "	7	79	50	.....
Mountain Creek.	H. A. Hart.....	Cornwall, "	6	60	60	.....
Mt. Zion... .	B. D. Howard...	Oxford, "	7	100	75	28 39
Olive Branch	E. D. Jones.	Bethel Hill, "	....	....	....	.....
Oxford.	T. W Hancock...	Oxford, "	18	180	200	.....
Peace Chapel	Dennis Brummit.	Fairpost, "	5	32	35	...
Poplar Creek	P. C. Parham...	Oxford, "	9	50	60	23 76
Providence ..	B. L. Gravitt....	Roxboro, "	5	50	....	1 19
Rock Spring.	J S. Royster....	Woodworth, "	9	74	85	.....
Roxboro	W. A. Bradsher..	Roxboro, "	10	109	...	19 54
Sharon.....	H. G. McFarland	Centergrove "	4	25	50	.....
Snow Hill... .	W. T. Chapell...	Allensville, "	5	50	....	.....
State Line..	T. L. Sizemore...	Soudan, Va	8	32	...	.....
Stovall.....	D. M. Stovall....	Stovall, N. C.	5	50	...	.....
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of the

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of the

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Held With

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Next session meets with Corinth Baptist church on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1903. Introductory sermon by Rev. R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be :—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the department of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES:

Member of Board of Missions: T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. S. Hardaway, G. T. Watkins, J. A. Beam.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

T. H. Street, M. Blalock, J. C. Howard.

PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES:

Rev. M. A. Adams,* . . . . . Raleigh, N. C.
" J. W. Atkinson,* . . . . . Neuse, "
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" J. H. Gordon, ... Averett, Va.
" J. S. Hardaway, ... Oxford, N. C.
" J. H. Hutchinson,* . . . . . Six Forks, "
" E. R. Harris, ... Wake Forest, "
" R. H. Marsh, ... Oxford, "
" E. Y. Pool, ... Rougemont, "
" J. A. Stradley, ... Oxford, "
" G. T. Watkins, ... Clarksville, Va.
" J. R. Pace, ... Oxford, N. C.

Absent.*

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Rev. R. I. Devin, ... Oxford, N. C.
" J. W. Downey, ... Buchanan, "
" G. W. Green, ... China.
" T. J. Hudson, ... China.
" J. K. Humphries, ... Bethel Hill, N. C.
" R. H. Jones, ... Ai, "
" J. J. Landsell, ... Durham, "

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Foreign Missions,	J. S. Hardaway.
Home Missions,	W. R. Cullom.
State Missions,	R. H. Marsh.
Education,	P. H. Fontaine.
Periodicals,	J. A. Beam.
Sunday School,	G. T. Watkins.
Ministerial Relief,	J. R. Pace.
Family Prayers,	A. C. Parham.
Temperance,	J. A. Brindell.
Orphanage,	E. R. Harris.
State of the churches,	T. H. Street.

MINUTES.

BECK, N. C. July 15, 1902.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met today in its one hundred and ninth annual session with Fellowship Baptist church. The introductory sermom was preached by Rev. J. H. Gordon, of Averette, Va. Subject: "Secret and Revealed Things."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with J. A. Stradley, Moderator of the previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by R. B. Walker. Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

AMIS CHAPEL—A. H. Garner.
ANTIOCH—Ira Rogers, O. Tingen.
BETHANY—J. T. Newton, J. A. Malone, M. Cash.
BETHEL—A. J. Crutchfield.
CONCORD—J. D. Clark, S. F. Coley.
CORINTH—S. H. Usry, A. P. Hobgood, C. R. Gordon.
CREEDMOOR—Dr. J. F. Sanderford.
ENON—H. T. Hobgood, J. P. Mize.
FELLOWSHIP—C. B. Lawrence, T. M. Thomasson, M. F. Adcock.
FLAT RIVER UNION—Jim Green, S. W. Waller, P. Tilley.
FLORENCE AVENUE—J. S. Pool, J S. Pool.
GRASSY CREEK—J. H. Chandler.
HESTERS—B. F. Dean, Roy Badgett.
ISLAND CREEK—No Letter.
MILL CREEK—T. H. Street.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—J. R. Hart.
MT. HARMONY—W. J. Eakes.
MT. ZION—Sol O'Briant, J. T. Daniel, M. Blalock.
NEW LIGHT—C. D. Davis, R. F. Keith, W. L. Jackson.
OLIVE BRANCH—0.
OLIVE GROVE—0.

OXFORD—J. H. Long, W. H. Harrison, F. P. Hobgood, Jr.
PEACE CHAPEL—J. C. Pittard, A. A. Latta, C. N. Grissom.
PLEASANT GROVE—H. Jones, J. R. Knight.
POPLAR CREEK—W. N. Critcher, G. W. Wright.
PROVIDENCE—
ROCK SPRING.
ROXBORO—W. A. Bradsher.
SHARON—H. G. McFarland.
SNOW HILL—
STATE LINE—J. R. Wilson, B. J. Williamson.
STOVALL—S. A. Green.
TALLY HO—S. P. Washington, P. L. Thomasson, J. E. Duncan.

The Association then went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the re-election of J. A. Stradley Moderator, J. C. Howard Clerk, and the election of J. H. Long Treasurer. Among visiting brethren were welcomed, D. W. Herring, of China, J. W. Cobb, of Raleigh, L. Johnson, Correspondening Secretary for State Missons; J. W. Bailey, Editor Biblical Recorder, of Raleigh; C. V. Brooks, of Wake; W. F. Fry, of Baptist University; J. M. Arnette, of Durham; D. Vaughn, of Raleigh Association; E. L. Middleton, and Jno. E. Ray.

The Moderator appointed R. H. Marsh, J. A. Brindle and J. H. Chandler as committee on order of business. On Religious Exercises J. A. Brindle, T. M. Thomasson, and S. A. Cannady.

On motion a committee was appointed to report on the State of the churches, financially and spiritually, and the following were appointed T. H. Street, J. S. Hardaway and J. A. Beam.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

At no other period in the world's history has there been so intense and wide-spread interest in education as exists to-day, not only in our own country but among the civilized nations of the earth. While the Northern States of our own country far surpass the Southern in educational facilities, and are providing even better ones, yet the Southern States seem more alive to the importance of education and are making more rapid strides educationally. Among the Southern States our own State is leading in this awakening.

There is a general movement to make more efficient the public schools of the State, to lengthen the term, improve its teaching force and build better houses. The State appropriates annually out of its treasury one million and two hundred thousand dollars. This sum in many localities is supplemented by local taxation, which is our chief reliance for improving the schools. We note with pleasure that the Northern philanthropy is at last interested in the education of the white children of the South, and though the Southern Education Board is distributing funds for building better houses and in other ways improving the public schools of its land, all recognize the public school as essential to the education of all the children of the State. Now in this movement, Baptist above all others are interested, both because we outnumber all the evangelical denominations combined, and because so many of our people are poor and unable to pay the expense of educating their children. We therefore strongly advise in every way to encourage the movement and to see to it that their children shall avail themselves of these opportunities.

And we are glad to report increased interest in higher education. The last session of the many colleges for boys and girls was prosperous beyond any other year. The facilities for higher education within the past ten years has been more than doubled. While the number of boys attending college has within ten years doubled the number of girls. Ten years ago there were about 800 of these, last year there were 1800. Among other prosperous colleges we are glad to report that our Baptist Colleges are occupying a high rank.

Let our people, one and all, join in this ownward movement, which means so much for Christ's Kingdom on earth.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

The discussion of above by F. P. Hobgood, J. W. Bailey, J. A. Beam, W. F. Fry and W. R. Cullom. On motion the time was extended for continuing same. Adopted. Application was made for membership by Knott's Grove church.

The Baptist church at Knott's Grove Granville county, sends greeting to the Flat River Association. We send to you, Brethrens S. W. Knott, J. A. Robinson and J. P. Buchanan. Who bear our application for membership in the Flat River Association. These brethren will convey to you

our credentials and will give all assurance that we are a regular Missionary Baptist church. We trust we may have admission into your body, and that we may co-operate with you in laboring for the glory of God.

Done by order of church in regular conference Saturday before the third Sunday in May, 1902.

REV. J. R. PACE, MODERATOR.

W. R. BUCHANAN, CHURCH CLERK.

A committee composed of J. S. Hardaway, E. R. Harris and J. A. Beam were appointed to examine credentials of said church and by motion on approval be admitted into the Association.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

We believe that Family Worship is one of the most elevating services that a Christian family can engage in, and the house that has never erected a family altar has certainly been deprived of one of the sweetest and most delightful worship in Christian life. Those children that have never heard their father or mother pray around the family circle are to be greatly pitied. My experience teaches me that a people who have family prayer are the most useful in every department of Christian work in the church and the most influential in their community. J. H. GORDON.

Discussed by J. H. Gordon, J. H. Chandler, A. C. Parham, A. H. Garner and F. P. Hobgood. Adopted. Report of committee, to whom was referred the application of Knott's Grove for membership, adopted and the right hand of fellowship extend to delegates.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Daily the monster evil, whiskey, is devastating our country and blighting the youths of our land while nearly all of God's people hold their peace and sit with folded hands and let the awful work go on. The whiskey men make a statement that ought to cause Christians to blush with shame when they assert that they would be unable to run without the support of the church members. Surely this is not true. but if it is, or even half correct we can safely lay the cause of the sad condition of our churches largely at the door of intemperance. Certainly a large per cent of all the church

discipline, splits and fusses in our churches can be traced either directly or indirectly to the use of stimulants.

And too the church members who tamper with this curse do not contribute to our boards, but are stumbling blocks to the cause. They are the salt that has lost its saving power and should be cast out of our churches. With all the destructive works of this evil before us, let us rise up in the might and power of our God, and rid our country of this awful curse. To this end we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That this body heartily endorse the Temperance League movement and ask our churches to co-operate with the same.

Resolved 2. That we urge our churches to have a temperance meeting at once.

Resolved 3. That we beg the members of each church in our Association to have their church incorporated at the next session of the Legislature. J. A .BEAM.

Discussed by J. A. Beam, G. T. Watkins, J. R. Pace and J. W. Bailey, the latter explaining the working of the Anti-saloon league. Adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following committees on digest of church letters, G. T. Watkins, E. R. Harris, G. W. Wright.

Committee on time, place and preacher, W. H. Harrison, J. E. Duncan and M. Blalock.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30 A. M. Devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. Averett. Visiting brethren, S. F. Conrad, representing the North Carolina Baptist, and Bro. Alderman, of Henderson, N. C., were recognized.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Baptist people ought to read Baptist literature, and as a man is largely what he reads, we cannot hope to have strong, well-rounded Christian men and women from non-reading Baptist people of our own publications and such being the case we cheerfully and emphatically recommend the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and the Foreign Mission Journal, believing that in the three papers we have a force sufficiently strong to induce any right thinking Bap-

tist to help all of our mission boards, also the Orphanage; and further, we think no Baptist can honestly read the three periodicals without becoming a better christian.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

T. H. STREET.

Discussed by T. H. Street, J. W. Bailey, S. F. Conrad. Time extended fifteen minutes to continue the discussion. F. P. Hobgood, Sr., W. F. Fry, C. V. Brooks. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Ninety-seven missionaries, including the seventeen partially paid by the Home Mission Board, are laboring in the destitute portions of North Carolina. Last year these brethren reported 2279 converts and 980 baptisms Fourteen houses of worship were completed and 54 in course of erection. For this work L. Johnson reports $26,637.90 raised last year; also $6,000 by A. E. Brown for schools in the West. We cannot afford to raise less this year as our needs were never greater than now. Indeed, as we study the needs of State Mission work, it seems we can hear the great words of Jesus falling fresh from His lips: "Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers." The need of more laborers makes the necessity of our giving of our means toward the answering of our prayers, for certainly God has so arranged matters that prayers without alms and alms without prayers are failures—at least to the individual.

J. A. BEAM.

On motion the Association adjourns to the stand for the purpose of hearing Livingstone Johnson on State Missions. Collection is taken for same amounting to $5.82. Without further discussion the report is adopted.

W. F. Fry spoke in behalf of the Baptist Female University. J. S. Hardaway and G. T. Watkins joined in the discussion.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There is no need to convince any one that our orphanage work is a good work. We know that it is in fullest accord with the spirit of the Gospel.

Our churches too take hold of the work as readily, and give to it as liberally, as they do to any object brought before them. Still our minutes show that of our thirty-three churches, eight did not contribute to the orphange last year. Half of those churches are strong churches numerically. This ought not to be so.

We have a good work going on at Thomasville orphanage. Two hundred and forty children were cared for there last year.

The work is enlarging each year. Last year the Biggs building was remodeled and enlarged; the water works system completed; and steam power introduced into the Mills memorial building. A building is being erected by J. A. Durham, of Charlotte, in memory of his mother. It will cost $2,500.00 and will shelter from thirty to forty little boys. It is an open secret that several other buildings at the orphanage will be enlarged by those who originally built them

We have noticed through the papers that Mr. Dennis Simmons, one of the most liberal supporters of the orphanage at Thomasville, left in his will about $75,000 to the orphanage. But it will be a long time before this will be available. We need to be cautioned lest such large bequests lead us to withdraw our support from the work, imagining that no more help is needed. The time will never come when the Baptist churches of North Carolina will not need to give yearly and liberally to this institution.

Let all of our Sunday schools contribute each month to the care of the orphans at Thomasville. Let "Charity and Children," the paper that represents the orphanage, be taken in all our homes; and let each church see to it that a large annual collection is sent up for the support of the work. JNO. S. HARDAWAY.

July 14, 1902.

Discussed by J. S. Hardaway, J. H. Chandler, G. T. Watkins, J. R. Pace. Adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The division of "Missions," in our work, into Home, State and Foreign, is purely a matter of convenience and and thoroughness in work. The Bible idea, "The field is the world" does not oppose a division into parts. Our

authority is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"—"Beginning at Jerusalem." The thing commanded may not be essential to discipleship—the duty is imposed on disciples as such—but the doing of the thing commanded is essential to faithful discipleship. A penitent son in disobedience and neglect may be saved, but he will suffer loss as by fire. "If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." Paul in I Thess., 2:15-16 says: "And they please not God and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sin alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost." Anti-missions in doctrine or practice must therefore be a fearful sin. "A wise master-builder" cannot afford to antagonize God and humanity. "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."—Acts 10:15.

State Missions is the work of a State (churches in a State) within its own borders. Home Missions extend to all States in our home land, in Cuba, among the Indians and among the negroes of the South. For this work North Carolina raised last year $5,306.24 and received from the Home Board $6,643.89 for her mountain work. This was the largest amount spent in any one of the States. Our Association paid $243.12. The number of missionaries of the board last year was 674—40 in North Carolina. Total receipts were $129,550.83. There were over 8,000 baptisms in this field. We note with pleasure an increasing interest in our Association in this department of the Lord's work, and we most heartily commend the same to the sympathy and best efforts of God's people.

Respectfully,

R. H. MARSH, Chm'n.

Discussed by R. H. Marsh and L. Johnson. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES AND DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Amis Chapel	$1.24 per capita.
Antioch	1.69 "
Bethany	.33 "
Bethel	2.75 "
Corinth	1.05 "

Concord	$ 1.21 per capita.
Creedmoor	36.40 "
Enon	2.56 "
Fellowship	1.57 "
Flat River Union	1.73 "
Florence Avenue	2.70 "
Grassy Creek	.76 "
Hesters	2.15 "
Island Creek	1.22 "
Mill Creek	1.57 "
Mountain Creek	.89 "
Mt. Harmony	.05 "
Mt. Zion	1.87 "
New Light	.87 "
Olive Branch	.90 "
Olive Grove	1.67 "
Oxford	7.23 "
Peace Chapel	1 25 "
Pleasant Grove	.07 "
Poplar Creek	2.48 "
Providence	.94 "
Rock Spring	1.43 "
Roxboro	9.94 "
Sharon	1.07 "
Snow Hill	1.26 "
State Line	1.14 "
Stovall	.93 "
Tally Ho	.81 "
Knott's Grove	1.93 "
The Association	2.02 "

	1902.	1901.	Gain.	Loss.
Education,	$ 65.35	$ 135.45	$	$70.20
State Missions,	518.15	405.02	213.03	
Home Missions,	247.69	246.67	.93	
Foreign Missions,	613.06	413.93	198.13	
Orphanage,	556 23	226.78	329.45	
Ministerial Relief,	50.22	35.96	14.26	
Other Objects,	1,587.00	1,313.73	293.27	
Memberships,	4,579	4,327	252	

Sunday schools reported, 31.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee not having any data on which to base their report, offer the following as their individual opinion as to the state of the churches:

1st. We fear that there is a low standard of piety in the churches. So far as we can learn the practice of family worship is almost extinct, and habitual reading of the word of God is in about the same condition.

2nd. The discipline of the churches we regard to be very slack. In many instances flagrant cases calling for discipline are left unnoticed.

3d. In the matter of benevolence our Association stands thirteenth in the State, whereas we once stood first; but we think that there has been a slight improvement in the last two or three years.

4th. Sunday schools. We have in our churches a total membership of four thousand two hundred and eighty-one, while in our Sunday schools we have only a total membership of both teachers and scholars of seventeen hundred and fifty-seven. This does not indicate that our Sunday school work is flourishing. Many of our most capable and competent members have no part nor lot in this matter.

5th. As to the temperance matter, we feel that there is a growing sentiment in the churches in favor of it. But there is still great room for improvement, and we still find intemperance one of the greatest hindrances to the Lord's work.

The remedy. First of all we commend as a remedy for this state of things constant and earnest prayer to God for the pouring out of His Holy Spirit upon us.

Then we would urge all of our pastors to faithful, fearless and plain preaching on all these lines; and we would call upon all of the members of the churches to stand by the pastors faithfully.

We recommend the revival of the fifth Sunday meetings; the formation of a Pastors' Conference; and the Biblical Recorder in every home, as the most potent agencies to aid in this work.

J. S. HARDAWAY,
T. H. STREET,
J. A. BEAM.

Discussed by F. P. Hobgood, R H. Marsh, J. H. Chandler, B. D, Howard, J. E. Ray, S. L. Howard, Dr. J. F. Sanderford and A. C. Parham. Adjournment.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Discussion of the report on the State of the Churches continued by T. H. Street, J. A. Beam, A. H. Garner. Adopted.

Whereas, It is the sense of the Association that the Fifth Sunday Meetings are greatly needed in our churches to advance the work of the Lord among us, therefore be it resolved—

1. That a committee of two be appointed to arrange for the holding of at least two Fifth Sunday Meetings during the Associational year, excluding the fifth Sundays in December and January, and that they report to the Association at the next session on Fifth Sunday Meetings and Sunday Schools.

2. That the pastors of the Association lay the matter before the churches, urging the duty of opening the way for such meetings, and of appointing a delegate to represent them. Adopted. T. H. STREET, Com.

Bethel church invites the committee to give them the first Fifth Sunday meeting.

Owing to a mistake there was no report on Sunday schools, hence the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we consider the Sunday school work second to no work done by our churches; that we do not believe any church is living up to its duty unless it has a Sunday school; and that it should be the constant endeavor of all our pastors and churches to do the largest and best work in this line of which we are capable.

Submitted,
J. S. HARDAWAY.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We are glad to report that there has been made in our Association an excellent beginning in the woman's movement to help take the world for Christ. There are several well organized and progressive societies within our bounds. These form an earnest of what we may expect in the future. The Southern Baptist women gave last year $34,000 to evangelize the world. About the same amount was given by them in boxes to Frontier Missionaries. We wish to urge upon the ladies of this Association a prayerful consideration of this great field of work. We therefore recom-

mend the organization of a society in each church of the Association where one does not already exist. These societies to be under the control of the churches and to receive the encouragement of the churches.

Respectfully,
G. T. WATKINS.

Discussed by G. T. Watkins, J. R. Pace and J. S. Pool. Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The key note of the Bible and of the gospel message is summed up in the word missions. From the very beginning of the promise in Gen. 3:15 until the king eternal issued his formal marching orders to His people in Matthew 28:19-20, God's all-embracing purpose of full and complete salvation for all man is clearly seen. Jesus summed up the whole law in two articles—love to God and love to men.—Mark 12:29-31..

The cause of missions involves the faithful collection and the judicious distribution of money. This cause also calls for more heart, more life, more men and women in our churches who can actually suffer with the Savior in His agony for the world's salvation. In so far as this work has been committed to Southern Baptists they are focalizing their efforts through the Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va. From the last report of this Board we learn that last year was the most successful year of its history. Twenty new missionaries were sent out and six others have been appointed. Of the 115 missionaries at the front not one of them died last year, but all were able to push their work with energy and zeal. They report 1,439 baptisms, but of course this represents but a small part of their work. This marked advance in blessing followed directly on an advance in our giving.

The last Southern Baptist Convention sent out another order for advance all along the line. Responding to this call, North Carolina Baptists are undertaking to raise $13,000.00 for this work this year. This is but a tithe of what we might do if all our people would put their hearts and lives into God's movement for world-wide evangelization. Surely every one who loves the Savior will respond

afresh to the call for this work for which the son of God laid down his life. W. R. CULLOM, Com.

Discussed at length by G. T. Watkins and D. W. Herring, the latter being just from China. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

The constitution of the "Ministers Relief Board" requires that one-third of all the money received shall be invested as a permanent, interest-bearing fund; and the remaining two-thirds, with the interest on the invested fund, shall be distributed among the beneficiaries, according to their needs. According to the report made at the Baptist State Convention last December this Board received last year from all sources, including balance from previous year, $1,932.05. The beneficiaries, twenty-one in number, received $1,286.00. The permanet fund amounted to $3,134.58. This Association gave this Board last year $35.96. P. H. FONTAINE, Com.

Adopted without discussion.

G. T. Watkins offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $15.00 for his services during this Association; also 50 cents to pay postage. Adopted.

We recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with Corinth church on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1903, and that Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, N. C., preach the introductory sermon; R. B. Walker, alternate.

M. BLALOCK,
J. E. DUNCAN,
WM. H. HARRISON, } Com.

Adopted.

For standing committees appointed by the Moderator see first page.

J. S. Hardaway and F. W. Hancock are appointed as committee on Fifth Sunday meetings.

Dr. Marsh claimed all right to offer the following:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren and sisters of this church and citizens of this community for their cordial hospitality shown us during this meeting. Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Unfortunately the Treasurer's Report has been misplaced. All statistics contained therein can be obtained from the financial table.

J. H. LONG, Treasurer.
J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

Adopted.
Adjournment.

J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator.
J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses.	Charities.	Minute Fund.	Education.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Total Contrib's.
Amis Chapel	$ 150 00	$ 13 50	$	$ 1 50	$	$ 10 00	$ 3 85	$ 10 00	$ 6 50	$	$ 6 00	$ 186 35
Antioch	130 00	.....	.....	2 00	2 34	7 78	5 35	11 00	6 04	2 34	2 34	169 19
Bethany	.....	7 00	.....	1 08	1 05	7 15	2 57	3 55	2 00	1 60	.....	26 00
Bethel	150 00	56 75	8 00	2 00	5 00	19 00	10 00	13 70	12 54	4 27	118 65	394 91
Concord	100 00	10 25	3 35	1 25	1 00	4 00	5 25	4 80	3 00	.....	.....	130 65
Corinth	100 00	22 65	4 07	60	.....	2 07	1 92	2 06	1 32	1 76	1 85	139 63
Creedmoor	70 00	353 33	.....	50	2 25	1 55	.....	2 43	2 75	50	129 16	582 48
Enon ‡	180 00	.....	.....	1 25	4 60	11 40	12 93	19 75	22 20	5 60	140 00	396 58
Fellowship	100 00	75 00	.....	1 00	.....	3 55	3 00	.....	8 35	.....	5 00	20 90
Flat River Union	150 00	1 19	6 00	1 00	1 36	11 75	4 80	4 62	5 38	.....	43 00	229 10
Florence Avenue	125 00	11 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	18 00	8 00	8 80	3 00	2 00	1 00	181 30
Grassy Creek	150 00	27 81	.....	2 00	.....	10 00	8 50	18 00	6 06	3 00	75 00	198 37
Hesters ‡	180 00	190 10	100 00	1 10	3 60	10 55	5 90	7 65	5 39	5 73	.....	500 02
Island Creek	150 00	70 00	6 21	1 25	2 84	13 36	5 80	14 27	10 30	.....	.....	274 03
Knott's Grove	60 00	8 23	.....	75	7 37	.....	.....	3 18	.....	.....	.....	79 53
Mill Creek *	250 00	31 67	.....	2 00	10 00	36 00	20 00	38 50	20 00	7 50	142 50	318 67
Mountain Creek	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	41 86	....., ...	8 05	.....	.....	56 09	204 00
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Mt. Zion ‡	150 30	49 00	12 60	1 25	5 00	32 97	13 87	30 13	16 70	3 00	77 00	179 92
New Light	40 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	48 00
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	.....	1 13	2 58	16 00	.....	2 90	.....	.....	245 00	342 61
Olive Grove	75 00	.....	.....	60	.....	50	88	.....	1 75	.....	.....	78 13
Oxford	1200 00	164 25	.....	3 00	.....	107 28	89 75	172 19	69 80	10 00	84 14	1900 41
Peace Chapel	100 00	20 00	.....	1 10	1 00	4 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	134 10
Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 20	3 50	.....	50	7 20

Poplar Creek	150 00	75 00	.....	1 00	4 43	21 50	10 00	11 00	9 90	.....	12 75	298 33
Providence	60 00	.....	.....	1 00	71	70	2 78	1 76	75	24	4 55	72 49
Rock Spring	100 00	19 35	.....	.....	1 42	13 20	.....	.....	44	1 42	44 30	163 65
Roxboro	450 00	303 64	1 11	2 00	5 40	38 00	16 00	22 75	35 00	.....	263 72	1233 47
Sharon	60 00	.....	.....	70	40	.....	6 15	3 76	90	.....	5 00	76 91
Snow Hill	60 00	1 35	.....	50	25	55	1 25	77	68	.....	.....	61 35
State Line	125 00	45 00	8 38	1 00	1 35	5 45	2 00	3 76	78	1 60	.....	137 88
Stovall	125 00	12 00	10 30	1 00	1 00	3 21	1 35	7 00	9 58	.....	3 00	172 44
Tally Ho	100 00	40 08	3 96	1 50	.....	11 25	3 70	5 63	6 15	1 50	.....	177 00
Slaughter Estate * †	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152 50	.....	101 67	.....	.....	.....	305 00
Total	$5015 30	$1629 15	$166 48	$39 56	$65 95	$618 13	$247 60	$539 88	$271 76	$53 06	$1460 05	$9366 16

* B. F. University—$98.00; $30.00.
† Gospel Missions—$19.00; $50.83; $118.65; $56.09.
‡Hail Sufferers

Pastors, Clerks and Time of Preaching.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill..N. C.	R. E. Garner	Push ..... Va.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. A. Beam	" " .. "	Obediah Tingen..	Ai ..... N. C.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Bethany	J. A. Stradley..	Oxford ..... "	J. L. Newton.....	Moriah ..... "	2nd Sun and Sat. before.
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill.. "	A. J. Crutchfield.	Mayo..... Va.	3rd Sun. and Sat before.
Concord	E. R Harris.....	Wake Forest "	Leo Lyon.....	Lyon ..... N. C.	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Corinth	J. H. Gordon ...	Averett..... Va.	C. R. Gordon.....	Oxford...R.F.D.2.	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Creedmoor	W. R. Cullom...	Wake Forest N. C.	J. L Peed.....	Creedmoor...N. C.	3rd Sun. and Fri night b'f're
Enon	R. H. Marsh.....	Oxford..... "	R. M. Currin.....	Oxford..... "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Fellowship	J. A. Brindell ...	Morrisville... "	M, F. Adcock.....	Creedmoor... "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Flat River Union	E. R. Harris.....	Wake Forest "	M. B. Waller.....	Knap of Reeds"	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Florence Avenue	J. H. Coleman..	South Hill... Va.	J. S. Winfree.....	Virgilina .....Va.	2d Sun &Sat.b'f're Sun night
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill...N. C.	J. W. Winston....	Brownsville,N. C.	4th Sun and Sat. before
Hesters	R. H. Marsh.....	Oxford..... "	N. J. Puckett.....	Sunset ..... "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Island Creek	R P. Walker....	Henderson... "	H. T Shanks.....	W'msboro ... "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins..	Roxboro..... "	G. W. Walker	Trilby..... "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Mountain Creek..	A. V. Joyner....	Bethel Hill... "	J S Eakes.....	Cornwall ..... "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Mt. Harmony	M. H. Ellen	E. Durham.. "	J. K Jones,.....	Surl ..... "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Mt. Zion	R. H. Marsh.....	Oxford..... "	Nat Jones.....	Culbreth ..... "	1st Sun and Sat. before.
New Light	J H Hutchinson	Raleigh..... "	W. M. Bailey.....	Vanteen..... "	2nd Sun. and Sat before.
Olive Branch	J. R, Pace	Oxford..... "	J. P. Stovall.....	Big Rock..... "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse..... "	J H. Keith.....	Northside .... "	.....
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford..... "	H. M. Shaw.....	Oxford..... "	Every Sun. m'n'g and night.
Peace Chapel	E. R. Harris.....	Wake Forest "	D. G. Brummitt..	Oxford..... "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove..	J. W. Atkinson	Raleigh...R.F.D.1	W. A. Hester.....	Hester ..... "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Poplar Creek	W. R. Cullom...	Wake Forest N. C.	C. P. Wright.....	Carlton..... "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Providence	J. H. Gordon...	Averett..... Va	J. H.Yarborough	Roxboro..... "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Rock Spring	J. R. Pace.....	Oxford.....N. C.	J. W. Harris.....	Townesville. "	1st Sun. and Sat. before
Roxboro	G, T. Watkins..	Roxboro..... "	J. A. Noell.....	Roxboro..... "	2nd and 4th Sun's & nights.
Sharon	J. R. Pace.....	Oxford..... "	H. G. McFarland	Centre Grove "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.

Snow Hill	J. H. Gordon	Averett	Va.	J. E. Montague	Roxboro	"	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
State Line	J. H. Harrison	Danville	"	T. A. Royster	Bullock	"	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Stovall	M. A. Adams	Auburn	N. C.	E. M. Hart	Stovall	"	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Tally Ho	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	"	G. W. Royster	Hargrove	"	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Knott's Grove	J. R. Pace	Oxford	"	W. R. Buchanan	Oxford	"	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.

Statistics of Churches.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.
Amis Chapel	.....	10	1	6	2	2	152	1	...
Antioch	8	.....	...	.....	2	2	100	4	...
Bethany	.....	.....	...	.....	...	1	79	.....	1
Bethel	13	6	1	14	3	4	230	.....	1
Concord	2	4	...	1	...	3	108	2	...
Corinth	3	2	1	7	1	1	132	.....	4
Creedmoor	.....	1	...	6	...	...	16	.....	5
Enon	.....	6	...	17	3	...	155	.....	14
Fellowship	2	2	...	7	...	2	125	.....	5
Flat River Union	4	3	...	3	1	3	132	.....	...
Florence Avenue	.....	2	...	.....	1	...	67	1	...
Grassy Creek	15	4	...	20	4	2	207	.....	7
Hesters	17	5	1	8	1	2	232	10	...
Island Creek	6	5	...	7	...	3	224	1	...
Mill Creek	15	1	3	20	9	5	216	.....	16
Mountain Creek	7	1	3	7	...	5	227	.....	1
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	...	.....	1	...	46	.....	1
Mt. Zion	24	.....	1	13	...	2	183	10	...
New Light	.....	.....	...	.....	...	2	55	.....	2
Olive Branch	11	2	...	2	7	1	111	4	...
Olive Grove	.....	1	...	1	...	...	49	.....	...
Oxford	.....	9	1	21	1	2	263	.....	14
Peace Chapel	6	4	...	5	...	...	107	5	...
Pleasant Grove	8	4	...	1	...	1	102	10	...
Poplar Creek	3	1	1	.....	...	1	120	4	...
Providence	7	.....	3	.....	...	...	77	10	...
Rock Spring	9	2	2	8	1	...	119	4	...
Roxboro	2	10	...	8	...	1	124	3	...
Sharon	15	1	...	1	2	...	72	13	...
Snow Hill	10	18	1	1	4	...	49	24	...
State Line	.....	5	1	1	...	1	137	4	...
Stovall	8	6	2	6	6	...	193	.....	4
Tally Ho	2	4	1	13	4	...	214	.....	10
Knott's Grove	7	.....	0	1	...	...	42	12	...
Totals	172	107	20	189	46	44	4281	100	82

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUP'TS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Contributions.
Amis Chapel	A. D. Frazier...	Buchanan....N. C.	5	40	40	$ 7 02
Antioch.....	O. Tingen.....	Ai..... "	6	67	75	6 16
Bethany.....	R. J. Day.....	Moriah..... "	3	30	24	.....
Bethel.....	A.J.Crutchfield	Mayo..... Va.	21	118	130	116 45
Concord.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth.....	A. P. Hobgood	Oxford...R.F.D.2.	8	71	36	.....
Creedmoor...	J. L. Peed.....	Creedmoor...N. C.	4	60	61	.....
Enon.....	H. Hester.....	Oxford..... "	8	65	107	4 68
Fellowship..	T.M. Thomas'n	Creedmoor... "	8	40	40	5 00
F. R. Union.	S. W. Waller....	Knap of Reeds"	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florence Ave	J S. Winfree....	Virgilina.....Va.	.....	.....	45	12 00
Grassy Creek	J. H. Chandler.	Brownsville.N. C.	6	60	50	15 00
Hesters.....	B. F. Dean.....	Sunset..... "	11	128	.....	23 85
Island Creek	J. L. Wilson....	W'msboro... "	8	125	120	.....
Mill Creek....	T. H. Street.....	Mill Creek.... "	5	80	40	.....
Mt'n Creek...	H. A. Hart.....	Cornwall..... "	5	50	50	* 5 81
Mt. Zion.....	B. D. Howard	Oxford..... "	7	85	67	28 91
Olive Branch	J. R. Hayes.....	Holloways.. "	5	29	36	.....
Oxford.....	F. W. Hancock	Oxford..... "	12	120	160	52 98
Peace Chapel	D. G, Brummitt	Oxford..... "	6	39	41	2 75
Poplar Creek	J, L. Capps.....	Carlton..... "	8	50	60	5 14
Providence..	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro..... "	6	70	51	.....
Rock Spring	J. S. Royster...	Woodworth "	8	68	75	6 82
Roxboro.....	J. W. Noell.....	Roxboro..... "	11	134	200	87 49
Sharon.....	H. G. McFarlan	Center Grove "	4	25	35	.....
Snow Hill....	B. F. Gentry....	Trilby..... "	5	52	53	.....
State Line...	T. S Sizemore.	Soudan..... Va.	7	28	50	1 40
Knott's G've	J. R. Buchanan	Oxford.....N. C.	42	42	48	.....
Tally Ho.....	J. E. Duncan...	Stem..... "	6	40	69	6 57
Totals...			184	1716	1833	$ 383 39

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OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

CORINTH CHURCH, JULY 14TH, 15TH, 16TH,

1903.

MODERATOR—J. A. STRADLEY, OXFORD, N. C.
CLERK—J. G. HOWARD, OXFORD, N. C.
TREASURER—L. T. BUCHANAN, OXFORD, N. C.

Next session meets with Providence Baptist church on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1904. Introductory sermon by Rev. G. T. Watkins, Roxboro, N. C.

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CONSTITUTION OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union benevolent efforts among the churches, and to cooperate with the Baptist State Convention in the department of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Modorator call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions, T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R.H.Marsh.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Revs. J. S. Hardaway, J. R. Pace and J. A. Beam.

Executive Board, Messrs. T. H. Street, J. C. Howard and Milton Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Rev. J. M. Coleman,	South Hill, Va.
Rev. J. H. Gordon,	Averett, Va.
Rev. J. F. Mitchener,	Creedmoor, N. C.
Rev. R. P. Walker,	Henderson, N. C.
Rev. A. V. Joyner,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. A. C. Sherwood,	Flint, N. C.
Rev. A. D. Hunter,	Cary, N. C.
Rev. M. A. Adams,*	Raleigh, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Atkinson,*	R. F. D. No. 1, Raleigh, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. P. H. Fontane,*	Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Hutchinson,*	Raleigh, N. C.
Rev. E. R. Harris,	Durham, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. G. T. Watkins,	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. J. R. Pace,	Oxford, N. C.

Absent.*

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Rev. R. I. Devin,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Downey,	Buchanan, N. C.
Rev. G. W. Green,	China
Rev. T. J. Hudson,	China
Rev. J. K. Humphries,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Jones,	Ai, N. C.
Rev. J. J. Landsell,	Durham, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Foreign Missions,	F. P. Hobgood, Sr.
Home Missions,	E. R. Harris.
State Missions,	R. P. Walker.
Education,	J. A. Beam.
Periodicals,	R. H. Marsh.
Sunday School,	T. H. Street.
Ministerial Relief,	J. H. Gordon.
Family Prayers	J. R. Pace.
Temperance,	E. C. Duncan.
Orphanage,	S. W. Walker.
State of the Churches,	J. S. Hardaway.

Minutes.

CLAY, N. C., JULY 14, 1903.

The Flat River Baptist Association met today in its 110th annual session with Corinth Baptist Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, N. C. Subject: "The Church a Missionary Body."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with former Moderator J. A. Stradley in the Chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. A. Beam. Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Amis Chapel—R. I. Mulchi, R. T Pittard and A. H. Garner.

Antioch—R. H. Jones and W. B. Brooks.

Bethany—R. L. Tilley, Walter Cash, J. A. Malone.

Bethel—None Present.

Concord—S. F. Coley, James Cash.

Corinth—Simeon Tippett, Will Daniel, Joe Overton.

Creedmoor—Dr. J. F. Sanderford, J. L. Peed.

Enon—T. K. Daniel, J. M. Phipps, R. M. Currin.

Fellowship—T. M. Thomasson, S. A. Cannady, C. T. O'Briant.

Knap of Reeds—S. M. Waller, M. W. B. Veazey.

Florence Avenue—None present.

Grassy Creek—None present.

Hester—R. W. Hobgood, B. F. Dean, J. F. Hobgood.

Island Creek—Thomas Lemay, Willis Sneed, H. T. Shanks.

Knott's Grove—A. B. Montague, J. R. Buchanan, W. H. Tillotson.

Mill Creek—T. H. Street.

Mountain Creek—W. S. Daniel, J. R. Hart, O. W. Eakes.

Mt. Harmony—No Letter.
Mt. Zion—Sol. O'Briant, E. B. Meadows.
New Light—No Letter.
Olive Branch—None Present.
Olive Grove—Juddie Keith.
Oxford—A. C. Parham, L. T. Buchanan, J. C. Howard.
Peace Chapel—D. Y. Hunt, W. S. Howell, D. G. Brummitt.
Pleasant Grove—R. O. Smith, W. M. Moss.
Popular Creek—W. N. Critcher, P. C. Parham.
Providence—None Present.
Rock Spring—T. L. Caudle, J. E. Owen.
Roxboro—J. M. O'Briant.
Sharon—J. C. Currin, W. A. Sherman.
Snow Hill—C. R. Long.
State Line—B. L. Frazier.
Stovall—W. H. Cutts,
Tally Ho—John H. Bowling, W. J. Royster, L. M. Duncan,

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of J. A. Stradley Moderator and J. C. Howard Clerk, and the election of L. T. Buchanan Treasurer.

For some years the reading of church letters has been omitted, but to-day the brethren think it best to go back to the old way, therefore the Letters are read before the Association.

Visitors: L. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, and J. S. Farmer, of the Biblical Recorder, recognized and welcomed.

J. S. Hardaway, T. C. Buchanan and A. H. Garner, Committee, report on order of business as follows:

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

3 to 3 45 Periodicals.
3 45 to 4 Miscellaneous business and adjournment.

WEDNESDAY.

9 30 to 10 Religious Exercises.
10 to 11 Foreign Missions.
11 to 12 State Missions.

12 to 12 45 State of the Churches.
12 45 to 2 Dinner.
2 to 3 Education.
3 to 3 45 Orphanage.
3 45 to 4 Miscellaneous business and adjournment.

THURSDAY.

9 30 to 10 Religious Exercises.
19 to 10 45 Sunday Schools.
10 45 to 11 15 Ministerial Relief.
11 14 to 11 45 Family Prayers.
11 45 to 12 15 Temperance.
12 15 to 1 p m Home Missions.
1 to 1 30 Miscellaneous business and adjournment.

The pastors and deacons of this Church are appointed to arrange all religious exercises for this session of the Association.

J. R. Pace is appointed to prepare a report on Woman's Work.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The printing press has become a mighty power in our land, and as a result we are fast becoming a reading people. Certainly the pulpit and platform will always have their place and power, yet he who is blind to the influence of the press is woefully ignorant of one of the greatest powers of earth. With the improved methods of making paper, typesetting machines and various facilities for obtaining news, the press is flooding our land with literature of all kinds. The demand for reading matter never was so great as at present, and it will increase in proportion as the masses are educated. Hence the necessity for supplying our homes with such books, magazines and newspapers as will create in our children nobler desires and higher asperations. To do this requires much time, wisdom and discretions. We would suggest that it is the duty of each pastor to see that every home in our Association is supplied with good Baptist literature. No home should be without the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our denomination. The North Carolina Baptist and Charity and children, Foreign Mission

Journal and the Home Field are excellent papers and de serve our support. J. A. BEAM.

Discussed by the author, J. S. Farmer and Dr. R. H. Marsh. Adopted.

Committee composed of F. P. Hobgood, E. B. Meadows and L. M. Duncan appointed to report on the State of the Churches as to the contribution of each church per capita to benevolent objects. (See Financial Table.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by R. P. Walker.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Visitors: Drs. Gorrell and Cullom, of Wake Forest, recognized and welcomed.

Committee composed of R. W. Hobgood, S. A. Cannady and M. W. B. Veazey appointed to arrange for time, place and preacher for the next meeting of this body.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Report on Foreign Missions made to Flat River Association by J. S. Hardaway:

The Lord has graciously blessed our Foreign Mission work during the year past. More baptisms were reported on our mission fiields than ever before reported in one year; and larger contributions at home for the work abroad. Many churches that formerly gave from $100 to $200 now gladly give from $500 to $1200. A larger number of brethren and sisters make annual gifts from $100 to $600. This means a great enlargement of the work. Our expenses at home in collecting and forwarding this money is only 10½ cents on the dollar. Our people gave to foreign missions last year $218,512.62, and next year we are aiming to get $300,000. North Carolina pledged $20,000 at Durham. We have under God's blessing grown in the past five years from 76 missionaries to 127; from 102 churches to 157; from 701 baptisms to 1790; from 4760 members to 8880; from $124,249 to $218,512. What an encouraging increase!

One of our missionaries died last year, Bro. S. T. Williams, of South China. None have resigned.

Theological training schools are doing excellent work in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brizil. Publication

societies in China and Brazil are doing a needed work in supplying Bibles, Testaments, tracts and religious papers to the people in their own language.

Our medical missionaries are getting a strong hold upon the people. Two hospitals are being built One in Wuchow, South China, in memory of "John Stout," and the other in Huang Hien, China, in memory of Dr W. Warren. During the past year 13 new missionaries were sent out, and two more appointed that will go. Others have since been appointed.

Last year the Flat River Association gave all told as reported through our minutes $539 88 to our Foreign Mission work under the Board. This in our Association is but 12½ cents per member. Five of our churches are represented by blanks in our minutes. This year we report $646 55 and five churches not reported. Brethren we ought not to think of giving less than $1200 to this great work. Let us give it next year.

JOHN S. HARDAWAY, Committee.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Christian women were active in the days of Paul in helping him to give the world the blessed Gospel of the Son of God. Many of them have ever been ready to aid in every good cause as the report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Central Committee on Missions, and reports of their Societies in our church letters will show. The letters sent to this Association reported fine Societies; four of them reported $267 47 contributed to the different objects of our Convention. The women of our State gave through their Missionary Societies last year $10,476 44 as reported at the Durham Convention. What do the above figures show? They show what might be done if every church had a Woman's Missionary Society. We therefore recommend the organization of a society in each church of our Association.

Respectfully, J. R. PACE.

The reports are read together, the former by J. S. Hardaway, the latter by J. R. Pace, because both pertain to same object. Discussion of the above participated in by the authors, also L. Johnson and T. H. Street. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This work was laid out for the present year on a $25,000 basis. 77 missionaries were under the direction of the Board, and twenty-five additional missionaries were employed by different Associations who reported their work to the Board. They supplied 477 churches and reported 2,222 conversions, and 25 churches organized. This year one Association raised $600 23; last year $618 13, leaving a small deficiency. This is the only department of our work where a deficiency is reported, and it is urged and believed that an advance in our State work will be made next year. Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH, Chairman.

Discussed at length by L. Johnson and continued by J. R. Pace. Adopted.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

1894—Baptism, 325; Restored, 26; by letter, 113; expelled; 91; dismissed, 126; gain 202—total 3,918.

State Mission, $325 93; Home Missions, $137 44; Foreign Missions $407 29; Orphanage $283 66—total, $1,152 32. Not quite 30 cents per capita to benevolence. Pastors salaries not given.

1898—Baptism, 243; restored, 33; by letter, 141; expelled, 64—total, 4,066.

State missions, $243 22; Home missions, $204 77; Foreign missions, $307 35; $180 04—total, $935 38. A fraction over 23 cents per capita. Pastors salary $4,440. Average $130 58.

1902—Baptism, 172; restored, 20; by letter, 107; expelled, 46—total 4,281.

State missions, $618,13; Home missions, $247 60; Foreign missions, $539 88; Orphange, $271 76—total $1,677 57. Fraction over 39 cents per capita. Pastors salary $5,015 30. Average $148 90.

The report is taken and based upon a period of eight years, as taken from the minutes, showing the following results:

Loss in Baptisms nearly 50 per cent.

Gain in total membership 9¼ per cent.

Increase in contributions to benevolence nearly 45 per cent.

Increase in Pastors salaries in 4 years about 13 per cent.

T. H. STREET.

Discussed by T. H. Street and P. C. Parham, J. A. Beam. Adopted.

Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, recognized and welcomed.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The interest in Education is gradually permeating our entire State, and not only in our own State, but in all the States in the Union. Our Baptist people are becoming more and more interested in this important work of the denomination. Schools are being consolidated in country districts, and the graded schools are flourishing in the towns and cities. In higher education our own schools are doing fine work.

Oxford Seminary has had a prosperous year. The Baptist Female University at Raleigh is filling a long felt need. The institution has had a marvellous growth. The Trustees had to buy other buildings to accommodate the girls who came, and still they come.

Wake Forest has just passed her best year, having enrolled 313 students. The advantages now are better than ever. The number of Professors have been increased and other chairs added. Let the young men and women of our people stand by these well equipped schools and foster the same principles which led our fathers to bring these schools into existence. By these institutions the world has been blessed and Christ's Kingdom on the earth has been extended.

The Board of Education is doing a work that touches every part of our work in giving to our churches a trained ministry to lead and teach them. This work was began in the very beginning of our convention work, and its influence on the churches of North Carolina is too great to estimate. Last year 47 men were aided, and already more than 50 applications are before the Board for next

year. We recommend that every church in the Association contribute to this work. R. P. WALKER.

Discussion led by the author, followed by W. R. Cullom and R. H. Marsh.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

At the Convention which met in the First Baptist Church, at Raleigh in 1884, the first steps were taken toward establishing the Orphanage. At that time some of the brethren opposed the step. So a Baptist Orphanage Association was formed apart from the Convention, and committees were appointed to get a charter from the next Legislature and buying a site. The present site was then purchased and the Orphanage opened. The first orphan registered November 11, 1885. All opposition ceased immediately on the beginning of active work of caring for orphan children. Since that time over 700 children have been received into the Orphanage, and over 500 have gone out of the institution. There are at present on the roll 260.

During the past year Brother J. A. Durham, of Charlotte, erected a building on the grounds in honor of his mother costing three thousand dollars. Progress is being made on the water works. The Orphanage has the promise of three new dormitories another year, and a central dining room will be built.

The Thomasville Orphanage is the incarnation of applied christianity. It is worthy of your affection, of your care, and your money. "Pure religion and undefiled" is this, to "visit the widows and orphans in their affliction and to keep unspotted from the world."

E. R. HARRIS, Committee.

Discussed by the author, Archibald Johnson, Frank P. Hobgood, Sr., and R. H. Marsh. Adopted. Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by E. R. Harris.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Ministers of the Gospel, as a rule, do not have the same chance to provide for old age as men of other occupations, often receiving very much less for their services than men of other professions of equal talent. Then, too, they are expected to set a good example before the people in giving to every worthy object, and besides their expenses in travelling for the cause of Christ is quite an item. The Baptist Ministers Relief Board is located in Durham, and the object of this Board is to aid in the support of aged and disabled Baptist ministers and their families. We would recommend that the churches of our Association take up at least one collection each year for this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PACE.

Discussed by the author, also J. P. Cannady, Sam'l L. Howard, R. W, Hobgood, A. H. Garner, J. I. Gordon. Adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

We believe the crying need of our churches is religion in the home. Family worship should be kept up regularly every day. Impressions made here are lasting, and children should be taught to consider it a precious privilege to meet around the family altar, and to love the sweet hour of prayer. Family prayer is indeed helpful in the christian training of children, and strengthen and promotes in older people a growth in grace, yet we fear it is being sadly neglected by our brethren.

A. C. PARHAM, Committee.

Discussed by A. C. Parham, M. D. Austin, J. P Cannady. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The drink evil is a menance to the home, the church and the State. It is ravishing upon our country's young manhood. The rumshop is a factory whose finished product is the drunkard. The end of the drunkard is eternal punishment. "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God." It is a physical curse, blearing

the eyes, bloating the face, parching the tongue. It is a mental curse, clouding the brain, destroying hope, dethroning reason. It is a spiritual curse, weakening the conscience, destroying the will and daming the soul.

It is gratifying to see the general uprising in the State against this evil. The Anti-Saloon League is organizing in every county to fight the destroyer. In our own Association the people have recognized the opportunity. Oxford has done away with the open saloon, thus curtailing the influences of drink greatly. They have a dispensary. Let us hope that they will soon get rid of this also and be entirely prohibition. In Roxboro the County Commissioners have refused license to those desiring to run saloons in that town, on account of urgent appeals by means of petitions. The surprising thing is that our people in this Christian land have submitted to the ravages of the whiskey evil so long, nay, have made it a legal curse.

The last Legislature passed laws that will easily rid the country districts from the manufacture of spirituous liquors. A great responsibility rests upon the brethren and citizens of the country districts to see that no illicit distilleries are allowed to go unreported and unpunished. May God give us a faithful, loyal citizenship to enforce and back up the law.

The time has come when church members can no longer afford to countenance by taking their drams and arguing that there is no harm in it. The traffic itself gives such argument the lie and stamps the church member as a hypocrite. Therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we again endorse the Anti-Saloon League whose aim is first, Agitate; second, Legislation, third, Enforcement.

Resolved 2. That we recommend that the members of our churches vote only for such officers whom they know to be temperance men, and who will represent the cause of temperance in all matters of legislation.

E. R. HARRIS, Committee.

Discussed by E. R. Harris, J. I. Gordon, J. S. Hardaway, J. R. Pace, J. A. Beam. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Owing to a mistake there was no report on Sunday School work hence the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we consider the Sunday School second to no work done by our churches; that we do not believe any church is living up to its duty unless it has a Sunday School; and that it should be the constant endeavor of all our pastors and churches to do the largest and best work in this line of which we are capable.

Submitted, J. S. HARDAWAY.

Discussed by J. S. Hardaway, T. H. Street, R. W. Hobgood, A. C. Parham, R. H. Marsh.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our churches are conducting this department of Missions in a co-operative way through the agency of the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention located at Atlanta, Ga. The work is called "Home Missions" as our Southern churches consider the field occupied by the Southern States, the Indians and the Cubans as our home field in a special sense. Here we recognize our opportunity and our obligation to the Master in "Beginning at Jerusalem." The stranger within our gates and our own "State Missions" are largely dependent upon the help and efficiency of this Board. In view of the growing necessity and splendid results of this work our State Convention at Durham increased the amount to be raised by our Convention from $6,246 89 to $10,000, and also voted that "the Home Board appropriation to work in this State be reduced by $1,500." Our Association reports in the letters this year $356.03 to be applied to this increased appropriation. This is a 43 per cent. gain over the contributions of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH, Chairman.

Owing to shortness of time was adopted without discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Committee of Arrangements for next meeting report.

Time, Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1904; place, Knap of Reeds Church. Preacher, Rev. G. T. Watkins, of Roxboro, N. C.; Alternate, Rev. J. A. Stradley, of Oxford, N. C

On motion Knap of Reeds is stricken out and Providence substituted. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $15 for his services during this Association, and a balance of $7 20 brought from last year be added to the minute fund. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Association extend a hearty vote of thanks to this church and all of the surrounding community for its kind hospitality during this session of the Association.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, we believe it to be for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom and the best interest of this Associaciations, and

Whereas, the call is more urgent than ever before for live active men to go forth to scatter the glad tidings of free salvation, therefore be it

Resolved 1. That this Association request its pastors to visit all of the churches in this Association to arouse the members to do greater things in the Missionary work.

Resolved 2. That the pastors devise some plan for doing this work in the beginning of this next Association year. Submitted, J. C. HOWARD.

Adopted without discussion.

J. R. Pace made Chairman of the Committee of Pastors.

Resolved, That the Association request one delegate from each church to make full report in connection with the reading of his letter at the next Association of not more than 3 minutes, as to the state of his church.

Submitted. J. A. BEAM.

Adopted.

G. T. Watkins, J. A. Beam, T. H. Street are appointed a committee on Fifth Sunday meetings.

See first page for standing Committees.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. T. Buchanan in account with the Flat River Association. For the following amounts received from the Churches:

State Missions,	$21 86.
Foreign Missions,	65 52.
Home Missions,	53 55.
Ministerial Education,	29 82.
Old Minister's Relief,	34 93.
Orphanage,	19 23.
Minute Fund,	43 15.
Balance from last year's acc't,	7 20.
Total,	$272 20

Submitted, L. T. BUCHANAN, Treasurer.

Adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at time and place mentioned above.

J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine,	Bethel Hill N. C.	A. E. Garner	Push Va.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill "	G. W. Dewey	Roxboro N. C.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Bethany	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	J. L. Newton	Moriah "	2nd Sun. and Sat before.
Bethel	P H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill "	A. J. Crutchfield	Mayo Va.	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Concord	E. R. Harris	Durham "	Leo Lyon	Lyon N. C.	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Corinth	J. H. Gordon.	Averett Va.	C. R. Gordon	Oxford . R. F. D 2	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Creedmoor	J. F. Mitchenor.	Creedmoor N. C.	J. L. Peed	Creedmoor N. C.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	R. M. Currin	Oxford "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Fellowship	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	M. F. Adcock	Creedmoor "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Knap of Reeds	E. R. Harris	Durham "	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Florence Avenue	J. M. Coleman	South Hill Va.	J. S. Winfree	Virgilina Va.	2nd Sun. & Sat. b'f're Sun. night.
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel ill N. C.	J. W. Winston	Brownsville N. C.	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Hesters	R H. Marsh	Oxford "	N. J. Puckett	Sunset "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Island Creek	R. P. Walker	Henderson "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro "	G W. Walker	Trilby "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Mountain Creek	A. V. Joyner	Bethel Hill "	J. S. Eakes	Cornwall "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Mt. Harmony	M. H. Ellen	East Durham "	J. K. Jones	Surl "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Mt. Zion	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	Nat Jones	Culbreth "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
New Light	J. H. Hutchinson.	Raleigh "	W. M. Bailey	Vanteen "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Olive Branch	J. R. Pace	Oxford "	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson.	Raleigh, R. F. D. 1.	J. H Keith	Northside "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford N. C.	H. M. Shaw	Oxford "	Every Sun. morning and night.
Peace Chapel	A. C. Sherwood	Flint "	D. G. Brummitt	Franklinton "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Raleigh, R. F. D. 1.	W. A. Hester	Hester "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Poplar Creek	A. D. Hunter.	Cary N. C.	C. P. Wright	Carlton "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Providence	J. H. Gordon	Averett Va.	J. H. Yarborough	Roxboro "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Rock Spring	J. R. Pace	Oxford N. C.	J. W. Harris	Townesville "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Roxboro	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro "	J. A. Noell	Roxboro "	2nd and 4th Sundays and nights.
Sharon	J. R. Pace.	Oxford "	H. G. McFarland	Centre Grove. "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Snow Hill	J. H. Gordon.	Averett Va.	J. E. Montague	Roxboro "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
State Line	R. P. Walker	Henderson N. C.	B. F. Frazier	Bullock "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Stovall	M. A. Adams	Auburn "	E. M. Hart	Stovall "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Tally Ho	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	L. M. Duncan	Stem "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Knott's Grove	J. R. Pace	Oxford "	W. R. Buchanan	Dement "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals and Building	The Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Minute Fund.	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Old Minister's Relief.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Amis Chapel....	$ 150 00	$.....	$....——	$ 25 00	$ 6 00	$ 15 00	$ 1 80	$ 16 90	$ *13 00	$.....	$.....	$ 53 00	$ 280 71
Antioch.....	130 00	21 23	.....	12 06	6 00	14 35	2 00	8 00	.....	17 01	3 00	.....	213 65
Bethany.....	.....	.....	.....	7 10	3 65	9 36	1 00	2 53	.....	1 30	2 00	.....	25 94
Bethel.....	200 00	171 69	3 00	20 00	12 50	8 71	2 50	57 55	62 00	119 00	.....	*213 88	870 83
Concord.....	100 00	3 50	.....	5 25	3 35	4 10	1 60	2 40	15 00	2 40	.....	.....	136 00
Corinth.....	100 00	21 65	1 85	5 08	4 04	11 36	1 00	2 88	.....	1 44	.....	.....	158 67
Creedmoor.....	.....	7 06	.....	8 50	.....	7 00	75	4 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 45
Enon.....	160 00	39 40	.....	26 55	19 65	31 38	1 25	88 75	.....	3 26	9 00	26 65	404 64
Fellowship.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	4 60	3 05	1 50	3 62	.....	.....	2 00	*5 00	119 52
Knap of Reeds.	135 00	1506 00	.....	12 00	5 42	10 90	1 00	7 35	†40 00	3 15	.....	2 31	1717 03
Florence Ave...	150 00	31 67	2 75	8 05	21 75	24 75	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	3 00	18 00	262 95
Grassy Creek...	150 00	100 95	.....	10 00	7 30	16 00	2 00	17 21	†36 25	.....	3 00	4 64	340 35
Hesters	180 00	145 78	48 94	8 30	7 55	9 00	2 10	28 59	.....	3 10	5 00	.....	440 26
Island Creek....	150 00	40 00	12 82	50 00	13 82	9 70	1 25	20 40	52 40	14 20	3 46	.....	368 05
Knott's Grove.	62 50	250 00	.....	4 10	1 60	20 08	75	2 27	.....	1 80	.....	.....	342 10
Mill Creek.....	250 00	191 25	10 00	30 00	33 50	55 00	3 00	45 00	.....	16 00	20 00	.....	650 75
Mountain C'k..	150 00	95 00	18 25	39 14	16 50	21 14	1 00	6 00	†65 65	.....	5 85	*32 30	443 53
Mt. Harmony..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	150 00	21 06	10 30	30 76	22 95	42 65	1 50	20 65	.....	.....	97	.....	353 93
New Light.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch...	75 00	5 00	.....	8 08	.....	1 86	1 00	6 25	.....	2 12	.....	10 80	105 11
Olive Grove.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	50	1 00	80	1 57	.....	.....	40	.....	79 77
Oxford.....	1200 00	170 06	.....	100 01	120 00	191 86	2 50	54 37	10 00	21 38	6 98	172 42	2049 58

Peace Chapel...	100 00	37 00	.....	3 12	2 67	3 23	1 25	3 52	.....	1 37	1 68	‡3 90	156 49
Pleasant Grove	80 00	203 00	5 00	3 05	.....	5 25	1 30	4 70	.....	.....	.....	1 30	302 30
Poplar Creek...	150 00	16 50	.....	12 07	8 25	11 26	1 00	11 86	.....	5 70	.....	20 00	235 64
Providence.....	60 00	14 80	.....	2 11	.....	1 36	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79 25
Rock Spring....	100 00	31 00	.....	11 64	6 41	12 12	.....	2 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	163 50
Roxboro.....	450 00	951 56	5 41	25 00	15 00	20 00	2 00	50 44	.....	15 00	10 55	8 00	1550 40
Sharon.....	60 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	2 50	80	2 12	.....	50	1 44	5 00	77 62
Snow Hill.....	60 00	.....	.....	3 30	1 47	1 08	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 85
State Line.....	125 00	.....	4 00	4 45	3 35	9 08	1 00	8 16	.....	.....	.....	6 00	161 82
Stovall.....	150 00	25 50	.....	10 77	2 49	9 00	1 00	7 75	2 25	1 00	.....	22 60	231 36
Tally Ho.....	125 00	80 11	11 60	17 18	5 71	10 00	2 00	10 65	†13 50	.....	2 50	.....	268 35
Slaughter E'te.	.....	.....	.....	95 96	.....	63 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*31 98	191 92
Totals.....	$5127 50	$4117 77	$ 133 92	$ 604 63	$ 356 03	$ 659 94	$43 15	$ 501 71	$ 310 05	$ 229 73	$80 83	$ 680 78	$ 12874 81

*Gospel Missions †Associational. ‡B. F. University.

Contributed by the Sunday School: Bethel—Orphanage $47.20; Gospel Missions, $43.07. Corinth—Orphanage,$2.88. Enon,Orphanage,$20 37;State Missions,$6.55;Home Missions $6 55;Foreign Missions$6 55. Florence Avenue,State Missions $2 55. Island Creek—Orphanage, $7. Mt. Zion—Foreign Missions, $3 21; Home Missions, $3 20; State Missions, $6.41; Orphanage, $10 75; Minister's Relief, 97 cents. Mill Creek—Orphanage, $5. Mountain Creek—Gospel Missions, $7.30. Oxford—State Missions, $10 41. Poplar Creek—$4 64. Roxboro—Poor, $2.15; Orphanage, $21.00. Hesters—$20.73. Rock Springs—Foreign Missions, $12 12; Home Missions, $3 97; State Missions, $5.

Contributed by W. M. S.: Creedmoor—State Missions, $4 30; Foreign Missions, $7 Florence Avenue—Home Missions, $18 75; Foreign Missions, $18 75. Knott's Grove, $17 12. Mt. Zion—$31 90. Mill Creek—State Missions, $5 00; Home Missions, $18 50; Foreign Missions, $5. Oxford—State Missions, $36; Home Missions, $71.60; Foreign Missions, $81; Old Minister's Relief, 75 cents.

	Per Capita in Toto.	Per Capita to Benevolent Purposes.
Amis Chapel	$ 1.54	$ .34
Antioch	2 13	.60
Bethany	.35	.35
Bethel	3 97	.99
Concord	1 22	.15
Corinth	1 27	.18
Creedmoor	.98	.56
Enon	2 61	1.10
Fellowship	1.08	.16
Knap of Reeds	13 41	.30
Florence Avenue	3 86	.89
Grassy Creek	1 70	.76
Hesters	1.82	.27
Island Creek	1 52	.56
Knott's Grove	7.43	.86
Mill Creek	3 19	.96
Mountain Creek	2.00	.40
Mt. Harmony		
Mt. Zion	2.00	.63
New Light		
Olive Branch	.97	.17
Olive Grove	1 23	.05
Oxford	7 45	1.70
Peace Chapel	1 53	.15
Pleasant Grove	3.02	.13
Poplar Creek	2 05	.43
Providence	1.11	.05
Rock Spring	1.60	.32
Roxboro	12.20	1.05
Sharon	1.16	.18
Snow Hill	1.31	.50
State Line	1.13	.18
Stovall	1.11	.15
Tally Ho	1.29	.22
The Association	3.02	.57

	1903.	1902.	Gain.	Loss.
Education	$229.73	$ 65.35	$164.38	$
State Missions	604 63	618 15		13.52
Home Missions	356 03	247.60	108.43	
Foreign Missions	659 94	539 88	120.06	
Orphanage	501.71	271.76	229.95	
Ministerial Relief	80.83	53 03	27.80	

Gain of the Association 42 per cent.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Lost by Letter.	Lost by Exclusion.	Lost by Death.	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Total Membership.
Amis Chapel	26	4	3	33	11	3	2	16	17	...	182
Antioch	4	.....	...	4	1	2	...	3	1	...	100
Bethany	.....	1	...	1	3	2	1	6	.....	5	74
Bethel	3	3	1	7	10	6	2	18	.....	11	219
Concord	3	1	...	4	.....	...	...	.....	4	...	111
Corinth	5	1	1	7	.....	6	4	10	.....	3	125
Creedmoor	7	3	...	10	.....	...	...	.....	10	...	28
Enon	12	8	1	23	21	...	...	23	.....	2	155
Fellowship	.....	.....	1	1	5	...	1	6	.....	5	110
Knap of Reeds	.....	2	...	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	128
Florence Avenue	2	4	...	6	3	...	1	4	2	...	68
Grassy Creek	.....	3	1	4	5	1	3	9	5	...	199
Hesters	27	8	3	38	14	1	2	17	21	...	241
Island Creek	35	3	...	38	9	...	2	11	27	...	241
Knott's Grove	5	.....	...	5	.....	...	1	1	4	...	46
Mill Creek	14	2	2	18	3	16	3	22	.....	4	207
Mountain Creek	.....	5	1	6	2	16	3	21	.....	15	221
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....
Mt. Zion	.....	8	1	9	7	4	4	15	.....	6	177
New Light	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....
Olive Branch	3	1	...	4	3	2	2	7	.....	3	108
Olive Grove	7	2	...	7	7	...	...	.....	.....	...	64
Oxford	9	16	1	26	9	...	5	14	12	...	275
Peace Chapel	5	.....	...	5	11	4	...	15	.....	10	102
Pleasant Grove	2	1	...	3	3	1	1	5	.....	2	100
Poplar Creek	8	1	...	9	4	2	1	7	2	...	114
Providence	.....	1	...	1	.....	4	2	6	.....	5	71
Rock Spring	2	2	...	4	8	2	1	11	.....	7	102
Roxboro	12	4	...	16	6	2	...	8	8	...	127
Sharon	2	1	...	3	4	...	...	4	.....	1	67
Snow Hill	.....	4	...	4	1	1	...	2	2	...	50
State Line	8	4	1	13	3	1	...	4	9	...	143
Stovall	19	7	...	26	10	2	...	12	14	...	207
Tally Ho	8	5	2	15	10	1	...	11	4	...	208
	228	105	19	352	176	79	39	294	143	79	4256

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUP'TS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Attendance.
Amis Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan...N. C.	5	55	55	45
Antioch.....	Geo. W. Denny	Roxboro..... "	8	78	108	50
Bethany.....	R. J. Day.....	Moriah..... "	4	20	.....	15
Bethel.....	A.J. Crutchfield	Mayo.....Va.	22	106	120	76
Concord.....	Ralph Currin...	Northside...N. C	6	65	50	50
Corinth.....	J. I. Gordon....	Oxford..... "	8	50	48	50
Creedmoor....	R. H. Rogers...	Creedmoor.. "	6	83	68	60
Enon.....	W. C. Currin....	Oxford..... "	9	56	95	65
Fellowship...	J. D Cannady..	Creedmoor.. "	8	50	60	50
K'p of Reeds	S. W. Waller....	Knap of Reeds"	5	50	61	20
Florence Ave.	J. S. Winfree....	Virgilina.....Va	8	50	50	30
Grassy Creek	W. E. Yancey..	BrownsvilleN. C.	6	44	64	45
Hesters.....	N. F. Hobgood	Sunset..... "	10	97	300	45
Island Creek.	J. L. Wilson....	Williamsboro "	12	80	80	60
Knott's G've	J. R. Buchanan	Oxford..... "	5	43	.....	40
Mill Creek.....	T. H Street....	Mill Creek... "	9	85	94	75
M't'n Creek...	H. A. Hart.....	Whetstone.. "	5	60	60	50
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	A. L. Gooch.....	Berea..... "	7	80	97	50
New Light....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	.....	.....	4	25	25	20
Olive Grove..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford.....	F. W. Hancock	Oxford.....N. C.	13	120	228	90
Peace Chapel	D G. Brummitt	Franklinton "	6	33	35	28
PleasantG've	J. W. Smith.....	Creedmoor.. "	6	53	150	40
Poplar Creek	P. C. Parham..	Oxford..... "	5	37	.....	37
Providence...	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro..... "	4	61	46	50
Rock Spring	J. S. Royster...	Woodworth "	8	81	90	50
Roxboro.....	E. D. Cheek.....	Roxboro..... "	11	55	.....	.....
Sharon.....	P. S. Pritchell..	Centre Grove "	4	13	35	12
Snow Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
State Line....	T. L. Sizemore	Soudan.....Va.	7	50	50	30
Stovall.....	L. D. Veazy.....	Stovall.....N. C.	10	75	100	60
Tally Ho.....	J. E. Duncan...	Stem..... "	7	55	.....	46
				1800		

MINUTES

of the

111TH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Flat River Baptist Association

Held With

Providence Church, July 12, 13, 14, 1904

Moderator---J. A. STRADLEY, Oxford, N. C.

Clerk---JNO. A. NOELL, Roxboro, N. C.

Treasurer---T. S. WALLER, Oxford, N. C,

Next session meets with Knap of Reeds Baptist Church on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in July, 1905. Introductory Sermon by A. B. Dunaway, of Oxford, N. C.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

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Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union; benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the department of Colportage and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on a motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions, T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Revs. J. S. Hardaway, J. R. Pace and J. A. Beam.

Executive Board, Messrs. T. H. Street, J. C. Howard and Milton Blalock.

Pastors and Their Postoffice.

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P. H. Fountain	Bethel Hill, N. C.
J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill, "
J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "
E. R. Harris	Durham, "
J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va.
J. F. Mitchell	Creedmoore, N. C.
R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "
J. M. Coleman	South Hill, Va.
I. N. Loftis	Henderson, N. C.
J. R. Pace	Oxford, "
G. T. Watkins	Roxboro, "
A. V. Joyner	Wake Forest "
J. W. Atkinson, R. F. D. No. 1,	Raleigh, "
A. B. Dunaway	Oxford, "
A. C. Sherwood	Flint, "
M. D. Austin	Wake Forest "
A. D. Hunter	Cary, "
J. W. Downey	Henderson, "
C. A. Upchurch	Cary, "

STANDING COMMITTEES

Foreign Missions,	A. B. Dunaway
State Missions,	G. T. Watkins
Home Missions,	P. H. Fontain
Orphanage,	R. H. Marsh
Periodicals	E. R. Harris
Sunday Schools	J. R. Pace
Woman's Work	J. A. Beam
Temperance	A. C. Parham

Education.....F. P. Hobgood
Family Worship.....S. L. Howard
Aged Ministers.....J. H. Gordon

MINUTES.

ROXBORO, N. C., July 12, 1904.

The Flat River Association met today in its 111th annual session with Providence Baptist Church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. T. Watkins, of Roxboro, N. C. From text, Isaiah 54th chapter, 1st to 5th verses.

At the close of the session Moderator Stradley announced that intermission would be taken for dinner for one hour.

Afternoon Session.

At 1:30 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with former Moderator, J. A. Stradley in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. R. Pace.

The Moderator stated that the former clerk was absent and would not be present, and requested Jno. A. Noell to act as temporary clerk, and W. H. Harrison to read church letters.

Roll of churches were called and church letters handed in and read to the Association, and delegates enrolled.

List of Delegates.

Amis Chapel—C. S. Chandler, Ballard Norwood, A. P. Harris
Antioch—I. S. Rogers, W. A Barton, Geo W. Denny.
Bethany—W. A. Malone, R. J Day, J. T. Newton.
Bethel—Ruffin Woody, S P. Gentry, A. J. Crutchfield.
Concord—Arthur Lee Coley, Escor Coley, James Cash.
Corinth—J. F. Usry, Jas. F Overton, F. P. Hobgood.
Creedmore—J. L. Peed, J F. Sandford, S. H. Rogers.
Enon—J. M Phipps. W. E Canady, Hamilton Hester.
Fellowship—W S. Beck, Graham Mangum, Elmer Lawrence.
Knap of Reeds—M. W. B. Veazy, T. S. Waller, E. H. Veazy.
Florence Avenue—J S. Pool, J. S. Winfree, J. B. Tuck.

Grassy Creek—H. W. Davis, W. A. Boyd, J. W. Winston.
Hesters—B. F. Currin, R. B. Brooks, J. B. Pruitt.
Island Creek—J. L. Kelly, D. L. Woody, Mark Woody.
Knott Grove—S. W. Knott, E. G. Usry, S. P. Knott.
Mill Creek—John Whitt, L. B. Chandler, Gordon Powell.
Mountain Creek—J. S. Watkins, L. D. Blackwell, G. F. Downey.
Mt. Zion—S. L. Howard, J. H. Duncan, J. T. Daniel.
Olive Branch—W. T. Wilborn, E. D. Jones, Johnnie Melton.
Oxford—J. H. Long, F. P. Hobgood, A. C. Parham.
Peace Chapel—C. C. Tippett, C. M. Grissom, N. B. Dickerson.
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, E. E. Mangum, W. M. Moss.
Poplar Creek—J. H. Critcher, G. W. Wright, H. B. Parrott.
Providence—H. J. Whitt, E. H. Gentry, J. A. Yarbrough.
Roxboro—J. H. Carver, E. D. Cheek, R. A. Noell.
Sharon—D. W. Knott, A. M. Denny, H. G. McFarland.
Stovall—I. T. Green, S. A. Green, L. D. Veazy.
State Line—C. B. Jones, W. D. Buchanan, B. F. Frazier.
Tally Ho—J. C. Duncan, Walter Dean, Chas. Cash.

After church letters were read and delegates enrolled, the roll of churches were again called and verbal reports were had from the various churches.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of J. A. Stradley, Moderator, and the election of J. A. Noell, Clerk, and T. S. Waller, Treasurer.

On motion of Brother Parham the churches were requested hereafter to report the number of Recorders taken in each church.

On Motion G. T. Watkins was requested to prepare a report on Woman's Missions.

The following committee on Order of Business was appointed: P. H. Fontaine, R. H. Marsh and Ruffin Woody.

Visitors: Brother Conrad, of the N. C. Baptist, and farmer, of the Biblical Recorder, were welcomed to the Association.

Report on Order of Business.

Tuesday Evening.

4 to adjournment, Miscellaneous Business.

Wednesday.

9:30 to 10—Religious exercises, led by A. C. Parham.
10 to 11—Foreign Missions and Woman's Work.
11 to 12—State Missions.

12 to 12:45—Periodicals and Education.
12:45 to 2—Dinner.
2 to 3—Temperance.
4 to 3:45—Orphanage.
3:45 to 4—Miscellaneous

Thursday.

9 to 9:30—Religious Exercises.
9:30 to 10:15—Sunday School.
10:15 to 11—Ministerial Relief.
11 to 11:30—Family Prayers.
11:30 to 12—Home Missions.
12 to 12:45—Miscellaneous Business and adjournment.

The Pastor and deacons of this church are appointed to arrange all religious exercises of this session of the Association.

On motion adjournment was taken to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning.

Devotional exercises conducted by A. C. Parham.

Minutes of previous day read and approved. Visitors: Brethren L. Johnson, Hall and Bateman were recognized and welcomed.

The first order of business was Foreign Mission and Woman's work. Report on Foreign Missions read by F. P. Hobgood.

Report on Foreign Missions.

From the report of the Foreign Mission Board made to the Southern Baptist Convention at its late session in Nashville we gather the some interesting facts.

1. That the contributions footed up the magnificent sum of $247,629 66 as against $218,512 62. an increase of $29.117.04. This sum contributed was sufficient to pay all the expenses of the Board.

Indeed for several years no debt has been reported, though the expenses in sending out new missionaries have largely increased each year. The Board on the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention will appropriate for the year ———

2. That fourteen new Missionaries were sent out during the last year, and we doubt not that many more will be sent this year. Urgent appeals to men and women to offer for this work met with instant and hearty responses. The obligation to give the gospel to nations without it rests upon the heart of the Christian world more heavily than in any other period of the world's history.

As because of our interest in the war news we read of the Chinese and Japanese, the mystery surrounding and enveloping these people is removed, and they come to be men and women like us. They have claims on us such as our neighbors have--they are our brothers for they have the same Father that we have,

While the Christian is not permitted to have his conduct determined or even at times affected by results while he has a thus saith the Lord, yet our Lord gives us results to encourage us. So let us thank him that during the past year He left not our missionaries without tokens of his favors in that through their labors two thousand and seventy six persons made profession of faith and were baptized, a mighty army won for the Lord. While the contributions of the Southern Baptists to Foreign Missions here doubles in the last few years, the number of converts has been more than tripled. The steadfastness of these converts under fiery trials was strikingly exhibited in the Boxer war in China only a few years ago, thousands of them laying down their lives after most cruel tortures rather than abjure their faith.

4th We find that many men and some women here and there are defraying the expenses of a Missionary, thus through their means preaching the gospel though they may not themselves be called upon to go as Missionaries.

And some our Associations are saying to the Board, look to us for the support of a missionary.

In view of the increasing importance of this work, because the Lord is opening new doors to us, and in view of our members and financial ability, we recommend that the Flat River Association undertake during the next year to pay the salaries of two Missionaries, amounting to $600 each.

Discussed by the author, F. P. Hobgood and A. E. Dunaway. Adopted.

The report on Woman's work was read by G. T. Watkins.

Report on Woman's Work.

Your committee listened with a degree of pride to the excellent reports in the church letters of some of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Association. These reports were but an earnest of what can be accomplished through this agency for the Master's work. Recognizing this phase of our work as destined in God's hands to be a leading agency in saving the world we urge it upon the churches and pastors to give themselves wholy to the prosecution of this work. We recommend that every church organize a society, which at present has none, at the earliest possible date. We further recommend that the pastor of each church set for each society as its ideal attainment the support of one or more native preachers in Foreign Fields.

Since the Sun Beam work is under the Woman's work of the State, we further recommend the organization of a Sun Beam Society for the children in every church. Respectfully submitted,

G. T. Watkins, Com.

Discussed by the author, G. T. Watkins. Adopted.
The report on State Missions was read by P. H. Fontaine.

Report on Home Missions.

The work of the Home Mission Board is basil, much of the work of the different boards is dependent upon the Home Board For the last few years the Board has been a target at which a great number of the Brethren have been firing misiles of opposition. It is a time when we should stand by the Board, that it may so forward in the good work it has been doing.

The field of the Home Board is in our mountain sections in the cities of the Southern States, in the Indian Territory and in Cuba

At the Southern Baptist Convention the work among the negroes was made a prominent part of the Home Board. The Board agrees to co-operate with the negro Baptists in giving dollars for dollars up to the amt. of $15 000 this year. We believe that this is a great and profitable work.

Last year the Home Board raised $ 58 217 09, of this amount North Carolina raised $7,728 44. and the Flat River Association $346.03.

This Conventional year we are asked to raise our collections one-third. The churches of the association will know about how to act accordingly.

MOUNTAIN REGION.

The Mountain Region embraces parts of Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama.

The work here is in the main but not wholly, educational. The majority of these mountain people are Baptists but to keep them Baptists they must be led by a better educated and more aggressive ministry than that of many of their pastors. Other denominations with an educated ministry and money with which to build schools and houses of worship see the opportunity, and many of them, notably, the Presbyterians, are wise enough to use it.

FRONTIER WORK.

This phase of the work used to be principally among the Indians, but now it means the furnishing of the gospel to our own people, who have followed the advice of the statesman who said, "Go West." They are without gospel privileges. They are so situated that they can not supply their own needs. It is the work of this board to do what it can toward relieving the situation.

FOREIGN POPULATION.

The South has, until recently, been the undisturbed home of the Anglo-Saxon; but the situation is changing. The old and people congested countries are pouring their millions upon upon us, and if we have forecasted rightly the number is going to rapidly increase.

We are the holders of the Word of Life We must give these people the gospel Besides, if we do not do it, our free institutions are in danger of being destroyed.

WORK IN CITIES

There are a number of cities with several thousand inhabitants within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, that have comparatively little Baptist preaching. They ought to have our sympathy and help. They are calling piteously to the board for aid.

WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

In the territory of the Convention there is a negro population of something like eight or nine millions. What will become of these simple people?--and this is no political question, either--is the question that Southerd Baptist people must answer, for the negroes, as a rule, have accepted Baptist principles. The thing that they need most of all is the simple gospel of Christ.

THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

Cuba is being well manned by Southern Baptists. Besides Havana, in five different cities through its missionaries the Home Board has planted its batteries. It took American blood to purchase their political freedom and we must teach them that it will take the blood of Jesus to purchase their freedom from sin.

In closing, your committee desires to warn our people against making the mistake in thinking that the work of this board is becoming less needed. On the other hand, the industrial, civic and social conditions within the bounds of the Convention are such as to make it imperatively necessary to increase our contributions to this object every year.

Respectfully,
E. R. HARRIS.

Discussed by P. H. Fontaine and L. Johnson. Adopted.

The report on periodicals was read by R. H. Marsh.

Report on Periodicals

In the last week's issue of the Biblical Recorder we print the following:

The Biblical Recorder enters upon its Seventieth volume July 6th, 1904.

From the beginning it has been the child of the Baptists of North Carolina, not the few who have edited and managed it. It is only right, therefore, that at this time, while giving thanks to God for his blessings upon the paper, the present management should make acknowledgement to the Baptist people, should give honor to them---who called it forth, who gave it life, who determined its character, who made it what it is, and who today love it as did the fathers before them.

Although far older than the avererage religious newspaper, the Biblical Recorder is yet in its youth, even as the Baptist cause and the Baptist mission to the race are yet only in the beginning of their glorious running. Editors have passed and editors will pass, one generation after after another shall be gathered to the fathers; but this paper shall catch new strength from each generation, and so maintain its life in ever renewing power. It is ours to carry on as nobly as we may in our day and to hand it down at length as an heritage to the oncoming generation freighted with all the best qualities of a religious life and thought of work

of our time. To this end, now greeting the Baptist people of North Carolina, we entreat their best endeavors.

It is the desire of the present management to maintain all the best ideals of the Biblical Recorder of the past; to make it a constant source of religious refreshment to the Baptists of North Carolina; to make it the bond of unity binding an ever-larger number of informed Baptists in faith and in interests in missions, education, the orphanage and the other recognized objects; to make it a light in the homes of the people, leading the children into robust christianity and encouraging the parents with the truths of the gospel and the examples of christians in all ages; a paper devoted to the inner and higher life---at the same time standing for personal and civil righteousness; treating all men justly and making record of events without prejudice and without fear and without favor; a paper to rely upon; a paper to trust; a paper to take to one's home, to one's heart; a paper to love and to cherish.

Besides the Recorder, there are other good and able baptist papers published in the State, that are highly commended, to-wit: The North Carolina Baptist,, Charity and Children, the Sky-Land Baptist, and the Atlantic Messenger, the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field, published in the interest of the Southern Baptist Convention and are cheap and worthy of recommendation. Respectfully submitted

R. H MARSH.

Discussed by R. H. Marsh, Farmer and Conrad. Adopted.

The report on Education was read by J. A. Beam.

Report on Education.

Truly this is a progressive age in all departments of human industry and human effort. The old log hut with its four legged slab benches and poorly prepared teacher has given place to the commodious, well ventilated and beautiful public school house with patent desks and a well equipped teacher. Equal progress has been made also in our high schools, colleges and universities, better buildings, better equipments, and better work are their watched words. Yet aimed all this progress, there are hundreds of schools in this association with poor equipments and poorer teachers. We call these home or family schools---the father and mother the teachers---the children the students. Better equipped teachers and better teaching are absolute necessities for the welfare of our association and our nation. Grant that these are only preparatory schools for the public and higher schools for the public and higher schools, still they are the greatest in importance and the mightest in influence in shaping the destiny of our nation. But we turn from these to the high schools within the bounds of the Association.

It is with special pleasure we note the excellent work of Prof. J. C. Howard's school at Stem last session and we are glad to know that the outlook is bright for increased patronage and multiplied usefulness.

Bethel Hill Institute also, for seventeen years has been extending a helping hand to the struggling and sending forth noble workers into the Master's field.

Indeed what members of this association does not feel a pardonable pride each time he thinks of the educational advantage within the bounds

of his own Association. Beside the two mentioned above, he can well point to Oxford Seminary which for twenty fonr years has been standing with open doors and out stretched hands to our daughters, bidding them come and be equipped for the duties of life. Yet with greater joy he can point to the four beautiful new buildings that have taken the place of the one so recently destroyed by fire.

We also heartily and cannot too strongly recommend Wake Forest College and the Baptist Female University, the foster schools of the Baptists of North Carolina, as worthy of our best love and greatest service.

We are glad to report that ministerial education was never at a higher tension than at present. The past session, there were fifty-five ministerial students at Bethel Hill Institute, and many others in the State. Most of these are aided by the Board of Education or by private individuals and are now out acting as agents for maps, fruit trees, etc. Surely it would be far better for these young men and for the world, for them to go out as soul winners, ambassadors for Christ.

In conclusion, let us earnestly urge that we do all in power to make our family schools better, our public schools more efficient, our associational schools more successful and our denominational schools a greater blessing J. A BEAM, Committee

Discussed by Brethren J. A. Beam, Hobgood and Bateman. Adopted.

Association adjourned for dinner.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

The Moderator announced the following committee on time, place and preachers for the next Association; J. E. Duncan, A. C. Parham, D. L. Woody.

The report on Temperance was read by J. E. Duncan.

Report on Temperance.

To establish thoroughly and widely the principles of temperance we must begin with the youth. When the true principles of temperance are established in early life and made the controlling power through life, they insure health, freedom from pain, competency, respectability, honor, virtue, usefulness, and happiness---All for which we should hope, and live in this life, and in so doing we may hope for eternal happiness in the life to come.

The outlook for temperance in our State is very gratifying Notwithstanding not all has been done that needs to be done, great results have been accomplished, and the temperance workers are in better condition than ever before to do effective work

The temperance hosts are standing today as they never did before, united, and determined upon the overthrow of the whiskey traffic Nearer our entire church membership, of every denomination, stand for temperance today than ever before; "and be it said to the everlasting glory of our pious women, that nearly every one of them stands for the eomplete success of the temperance cause "

With a united, persistent effort we surely can win the victory. Then we

would urge all christian people, and especially the Baptists to begin anew the battle for the over throw of the drink-evil, and work and fight, and pray, until the glorious banner of temperance shall float from every house-top in the land. Respectfully submitted

J. E DUNCAN.

Discussed by Rev. J. A. Beam, P. H. Fontaine, S. F. Conrad, A. C. Parham, J. H. Long, W. H. Harrison, W. G. Hall, R. J. Bateman and J. R. Pearce. Adopted.

On motion of Brother Howard the Association was requested to send word to Brother Bailey that the Flat River Association was behind him in his fight for temperance. Motion adopted by a standing vote.

The report on the orphanage was read by T. S. Waller.

Report on Orphanage.

There is no work that commends itself more to the churches than the care of helpless orphans No work appeals more to the hearts of our people Wherever it is presented no work is responded to more liberally and cheerfully. Our orphanage at Thomasville has just closed a year of great prosperity. We are now taking care of 295 children. An All wise Providence has cared for the health of these children. After going through a scourage of measles during which we had about 160 cases. the health of the orphanage is very good. A deep well 876 feet has recently been finished, which gives them an abundant supply of water.

The Whitty building has also been finished and ground broken for the Chowan building. The orphanage farm which brings a considerable revenue to the Institution signifies a good increase over last year. The work is moving forward. Although there is a great scarcity of money and also provisions with our farmers, yet the committee recommends that the churches forward wheat, corn and meat to our Orphans. Charity and Children tells us every week of the Orphanage work and we urge every Baptist family in this association that does not take this paper to subscribe for it at once. This institution needs our sympathy; our prayers, and above all our support. S. W. WALLER, Committee.

Discussed by L. Johnson and F. P. Hobgood.

Rev. L. Johnson asked permission of the Association for a few minutes time to discuss the Sunday School Work. Permission granted, and Brother Johnson made a short talk on the State Sunday School work.

Miscellaneous.

Committee on Arrangements for next meeting reported as follows: Knap of Reeds the place. Time of meeting: Tues-

day after the second Sunday in July, and Rev. A. B. Dunnaway, of Oxford, N. C., to preach the introductory sermon. Alternate, J. F. Mitchner, of Creedmoor. Report adopted. Adjourned to Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

Thursday Morning.

Devotional exercises conducted by moderator. After which Brethren B. L. Gravitt, E. H. Gentry, J. D. Perkins and Davis Carver were ordained as deacons of Providence church.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

On motion of T. H. Street the roll of delegates were called and all delegates absent today were marked and clerk requested to write to the churches and call their attention to the absentees. The report on Sunday Schools was read by T. H. Street.

Report on Sunday Schoosl.

To 111th Annual Session Flat River Association: The more and longer we are engaged in Sunday School work, the more thoroughly we are convinced of its importance to the growth and development of our churches, still your committee regrets to report a decline as will be shown by following statistics: 1902, 1716 scholars, 1903 1800 scholars, a gain of 84, 1902, one church without a Sunday School, 1903, five churches without a Sunday School The great loss in churches so overshadows the small gain in attendance that it becomes distinctly a great decline, now therefore your committee would urge our pastors to speak more frequently on the subject and try to arouse our membership to a sense of duty–and cheerfully recommend the name of Bro. Height C. Moore as State Secty and urge our churches to take an annual collection for S. S Missions and invite Bro. Moore to come to Flat River and help us. Committee, T. H STREET, Chairman.

Three-eighths to one-half of our membership engaged in the work

Discussed by T. H. Street, J. R. Pace, J. H. Long, G. T. Watkins, A. C. Parham, J. A. Beam, R. H. Marsh, and W. H. Harrison. Adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by J. H. Gordon.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

Ministers of the gospel, as a rule in general do not have the opportunity of laying up a surplus for old and infirm age, as men in other occupations of life, very often receiving barely enough compensations for their work to defray their expenses in life, besides they are expected to be the most

benevolent people on earth; again their expenses otherwise of traveling from place to place to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, are much more than many know of The Baptist Ministers Relief Board, is located in Durham, N. C., and the object of this Board is to aid in the support of aged and disabled Baptist Ministers, and their families. We would therefore cheerfully recommend this worthy object of benevolence to all our churches in this Association, and ask that you take up at least one collection during the year for these men of God. Respectfully,

J. H GORDON.

Discussed by J. H. Gordon, and G. T. Watkins. Adopted.

The report on Family Prayer was read by J. R. Pace.

Report on Family Prayer

Family prayer is one of the most important duties of a christian home. Religion must be at a low ebb in the home where there is no family prayer. How can it be otherwise when the attention of the members of the family are not directed to religious affairs? We spend a great deal of our time each day in providing for our temporal needs, and we should spend some of our time in family worship for the spiritual benefit of the family. Let us see to it, brethren, that we do not neglect this very important christian duty.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PACE.

Discussed by J. R. Pace and J. H. Dunnaway. Adopted.

The report on Home Missions was prepared by E. R. Harris and in his absence read by J. R. Pace.

Report on State Missions

The Board of State Missionaries 101, number of sermons preached 8,112, churches supplied 579, out stations supplied 219. Religious visits made 22,305. Persons baptised 1,217. Added by letter 1,041, protracted meetings held 219, Professed conversions 2,361, houses of worship building 38, finished 11, churches organized 16, bibles and testaments distributed 360, Denominational tracts distributed 27,065, contributions $26,302.80. The Board recommended thot the pastors and churches secure the services of our ministerial students at Wake Forest and the Seminary, when practicable for supply work and to aid in meetings during vacation. 2nd. We urge the pastors of the strongest churches to assist our missionaries on their fields, by holding meetings for them when requested

to do so. They believe this arrangement would be more satisfactory than to have the Board assign the pastors to the mission fields as was done under the "volunteer plan." This is a great opportunity for usefulness, and we trust our pastors will consider it seriously. 3rd. In view of the new fields opening up in many sections of the State, and of the fussing and urgent appeals to the Board for aid, amounting to much more than we can meet, with the means at our command, they recommend that the churches undertake to raise for State missions this year $30,000.

Resolutions.

The following resolution was affered by A. B. Dunnaway, and on motion adopted:

Resolved. 1st. That the churches of this Association be requested to forward their letters to the clerk of the Association one week before the time for the meeting of the Association and that the clerk be requested to prepare a complete satistical digest of the Letters and that this digest be read in the place of the reading of the Letters.

Resolved 2. That the Moderator of the Association be requested to send to the Biblical Recorder and the North Carolina Baptist a notice of this resolution, at least one month before the meeting of the association.

The following resolution was offered by W. H. Harrison, and on motion was adopted:

Whereas, the marriage relation is not simply a civil ordinance, but a divine institution; and whereas, the purity of social life and the sanctity of home depend upon the proper scriptural view and observance of the marriage relation.

Whereas, resolved 1 That it is the sense of this association that the subject of marriage and divorce should be thoroughly investigated and understood by our people, and that our practice should be conformed to the Scriptures.

1, That our pastors be requested to preach upon the subject.

3 That our ministers be urged in no case to perform the marriage seremony, when either party has been unscripturally divorced. Respectfully submitted, W. H. HARRISON.

The following resolution was offered by R. H. Marsh and on motion was adopted: Resolved 1. That the churches of the Association be requested to take up collections next year as follows: [a] July and August, Ministerial Education, [b] September and October, Orphanage, [c] November and December, State Missions, [d] January and February, Foreign Missions, [e] March and April, Home Missions, [f] May and June, Ministerial Relief.

Resolved, 2. That pastors be requested to use the "Envelope System," each applying the details as he may think best.

The following resolution was offered by R. H. Marsh, and adopted: Resolved 1. That instead of having "Sunday School Institutes," the brethren of the Ministry be urged to go two and two all over the Association and preach to the churches on the 5th Sundays, on any subject thought best, and for the next year the Pastors be divided as follows: 1, Dunnaway and Pace, 2, Marsh and Stradley, 3, Watkins and Beam, 4, Harris and Fontaine, 5, Downey and Loftin, 6, Gordon, Hunter and Keaton, 7, Jones, Overby and Pankey, 8, Upchurch, Joyner and Coleman, 9, Austin, Sherwood and Mitchner.

The appointments and conduct of this missionary canvass shall be made by A C Parham, T H Street and J H Long, Committee.

The following resolution was offered by J W Downey, and on motion wasadopted by a risnig vote:

Resolved that the Association extend a hearty vote of thanks to this church and all the surrounding community for its kind hospitality during this session of the association.

On motion the Clerk was allowed the sum of Twenty Dollars for his services.

The Treasurer made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

Treasurer's Report.

We beg to submit the following amounts received from the churches:

Orphanage,	$57 45	Colportage,	1 00
State Missions,	43 66	Associational Missions	10 00
Home Missions,	51 32	Sunday Schools	6 00
Foreign Missions,	48 35	Minute Fund,	37 40
Ministers Relief,	49 32		
Ministerial Education	14 83	Total	$319 33

Submitted, T. S. WALLER, Treasurer.

There being no further business the Association adjourned to meet at time and place mentioned above.

J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator.

JNO. A. NOELL, Clerk.

Sunday School Statistics

CHURCHES	SUPT'S	POSTOFFICE		Officers & Teachers	Scholars	QUARTERLIES AND PAPERS TAKEN	Attendance
Amis Chapel	W T Chandler	Virgilina,	Va	5	80	80	50
Antioch	Geo W Denny	Roxboro,	N C	8	76	100	34
Bethany	R J Day	Morriah,	"	4	25	24	15
Bethel	A J crutchfield	Mayo,	Va	18	117	140	68
Concord	Ralph currin	Northside,	N C	7	62	70	55
Corinth	D G Bennett	Franklinton,	"	8	70	36	40
Creedmoor				7	63	60	
Enon	W c currin	Oxford,	"	9	51	96	60
Fellowship	J D canady	Creedmoore	"	7		60	60
Florence Avenue	J S Winfree	Virgilina,	Va	7	50	90	30
Grassy Creek	W E Yancey	Nobbin,	N C	4	30	39	20
Hesters	N F Hobgood	Satterwhite	"	9	104	73	51
Island Creek	Joe Norwood	Williamsboro'	"	10	80	125	70
Knap of Reeds	S W Waller	Stem,	"	9	68	87	40
Knott's Grove							
Mill Creek	T H Steet	Mill creek	"	12	145	60	52
Mountain Creek	N J Downey	Oxford, R F D 4		8	82		60
Mt. Harmony	H O Eakes	Foster	N C	4	30	30	20
Mt. Zion	J T Daniel	Oxford, R F D 1		7	80	84	53
New Light							
Olive Branch							
Oxford	F W Hancock	Oxford,	"	17	300		
Peace Chapel	N S Howell	Dement,	"	6	38	41	30
Pleasant Grove	J w Smith	Creedmoore	"	4	61		50
Poplar Creek	J L capps	cartain,	"	5	30	86	14
Providence	E H Gentry	Roxboro,	"	4	68	30	50
Rock Spring	J S Royster	woodworth	"	8	70	100	58
Roxboro	J H Penticost	Roxboro,	"	6	70		65
Sharon	T F Fraklin	Neptune,	"	4	34	60	25
State Line	T L Sizemore	Sondon,	Va	8	40	50	30
Stovall	L D Veazy	Stovall,	N C	11	100	100	75
Tally Ho	J E Duncan	Stem,	"	7	69	105	40

Statistics of Churches.

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Total	Lost by letter	Lost by exclusion	Lost by death	Total	Net Gain	Net Loss	Total membership
Amis Chapel		3		3	2	1	2	5		2	167
Antioch	3			3	1		2	3			100
Bethany					7		3	10		10	68
Bethel	10	11	1	22	22	4	3	29		7	212
Concord	7	4	1	12	8		2	10	2		95
Corinth	1	7	1	9	4	2	3	9			119
Creedmoor	5	5		10					10		42
Enon		3		3	8	3	1	12		9	140
Fellowship	10		1	11	1	1	4	6	5		125
Knap of Reeds	15	2		17	2	1		3	14		138
Florence Avenue	1	10		11	1	1	2	4	7		77
Grassy Creek	23	4	3	30	16	5	5	26	4		193
Hesters		2		2	11	2	2	15		13	219
Island Creek	17	7		24	8	1	2	11	13		254
Mill Creek	13	8	3	24	15	6	6	27		3	211
Mountain Creek	21	8	4	33	4	2	2	8	25		245
Mt. Harmony	2	2		4					4		46
Mt. Zion		6		6	4	2	4	10		4	167
New Light		1	1	2	1			1	1		70
Olive Branch	7	2		9	2			2	7		115
Oxford	39	23	1	63	21	2	3	26	37		312
Peace Chapel		1		1	6	2	1	9		8	93
Pleasant Grove	12	3	1	16	3		1	4	12	3	112
Poplar Creek	6	2		8	7	4		11			119
Providence	6	5	2	13		3	2	5	8		79
Rock Spring	7	7		14	4	8	2	14			103
Roxboro		4		4	2			2	2	1	128
Sharon	1			1	2			2			67
State Line	11	4		15	5	2	1	8	7		145
Stovall	10		1	11	11			11			207
Tally Ho	14	10	2	26	9	1	4	14	12	5	181
Knott's Grove					4		1	5			41
Total	241	144	22	407	191	58	58	302	170	65	4390

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICE	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	TIME O
Amis Chapel	P H Fontain	Bethel Hill, N C	A E Garner	Push, Va.	1st Sunday a
Antioch	J A Beam	Bethel Hill, "	Geo W Denny	Roxboro, N C	1st "
Bethany	J A Stradley	Oxford "	J T Newton	Morriah, "	2d "
Bethel	P H Fountain	Bethel Hill "	A J Crutchfield	Mayo, Va	3d "
Concord	E R Harris	Durham, "	Clifford Currin	Northside, N C	2d "
Corinth	J H Gordon	Averett, Va.	C R Gordon	Oxford, "	
Creedmoor	J F Mitchenor	Creedmoore, N C	J L Peed	Creedmoore "	3d Sunday
Enon	R H Marsh	Oxford, "	R M Currin	Oxford, "	4th Sunday a
Fellowship	J A Stradley	Oxford, "	J D Cannady	Creedmoore "	" " "
Knap of Reeds	E R Harris	Durham, "	M B Waller	Stem, "	" "
Florence Avenue	J M Coleman	South Hill, Va.	J S Winfree	Virgilina, Va	2d Sun. & Sat.
Grassy Creek	P H Fountain	Bethel Hill, N C	J W Winston	Brownsville, N C	4th Sunday an
Hesters	R H Marsh	Oxford, "	N J Puckett	Oxford, "	2d Sunday
Island Creek	J N Loftis	Henderson, "	H T Shanks	Williamsboro' "	3d " "
Mill Creek	G T Watkins	Roxboro, "	G W Walker	Trilby, "	1st " "
Mountain Creek	A V Joyner	Wake Forest, "	J S Eakes	Oxford, "	3d " "
Mt. Harmony	J H Gordon	Averett, Va.	T K Jones	Surl, "	4th " "
Mt. Zion	R H Marsh	Oxford, N C	N J Jones	Oxford, "	1st " "
New Light	J N Atkinson	Raleigh, "	M W Chappell	Wake Forest, "	3d " "
Olive Branch	J R Pace	Oxford, "	J P Stovall	Big Rock, "	2d "
Oxford	A B Dunnaway	Oxford, "	H M Shaw	Oxford, "	Every Sunday
Peace Chapel	A C Sherwood	Flint, "	N S Howell	Dement, "	4th Sunday an
Pleasant Grove	M D Austin	Wake Forest, "	W A Hester	Hester, "	2d " "
Poplar Creek	A D Hunter	Cary, "	E C Parrott	Dalmey, "	1st " "
Providence	J H Gordon	Averett, "	J H Yarborough	Roxboro, "	3d " "
Rock Spring	J N Loftis	Henderson, "	J W Harris	Townsville, "	1st " "
Roxboro	G T Watkins	Roxboro, "	Jno A Noell	Roxboro, "	2d & 4th Sunda
Sharon	J R Pace	Oxford, "	H G McFarland	Neptune, "	4th Sunday an
State Line	J W Downey	Henderson, "	B F Frazier	Bullock, "	3d " "
Stovall	C A Upchurch	Cary, "	E M Hart	Stovall, "	1st " "
Tally Ho	J A Stradley	Oxford, "	J C Howard	Stem, "	1st Sunday
Knott's Grove	J R Pace	Oxford, "	S P Knott	Oxford, "	3d Sunday

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One Hundred and

TWELFTH ANNUAL
SESSION

Flat River Baptist Association

KNAP OF REEDS CHURCH
JULY 11-13, 1905

MODERATOR—J. A. STRADLEY, OXFORD, N. C.
CLERK—J. C. HOWARD, STEM, N. C.
TREASURER—T. S. WALLER, STEM, N. C.

Next session meets with Hester Baptist Church, on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1906. Introductory sermon by Rev. E. R. Harris, Durham, N. C.

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Constitution of Flat River Association.

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions, T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: A. C. Parham, A. B. Dunaway, B. F. Hester.

Executive Board: Messrs. T. H. Street, J. C. Howard and Milton Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. A. B. Dunaway ..... Oxford, N. C.
Rev. I. N. Loftin ..... Henderson, N. C.
Rev. O. N. Marshall ..... Henderson, N. C.
Rev. E. G. Usry ..... Oxford, N. C.
Rev. H. T. Stevens ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. H. B. Jordan ..... Clarksville, Va.
Rev. J. M. Coleman* ..... South Hill, Va.
Rev. J. H. Gordon* ..... Averett, Va.
Rev. A. V. Joyner* ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. A. C. Sherwood* ..... Flint, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Atkinson* ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Raleigh, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Beam ..... Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. P. H. Fontane* ..... Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. E. R. Harris ..... Durham, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Marsh ..... Oxford, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Stradley ..... Oxford, N. C.
Rev. G. T. Watkins ..... Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. J. R. Pace ..... Oxford, N. C.

*Absent.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—H. M. Shaw.
Home Missions—E. R. Harris.
State Missions—G. T. Watkins.
Education—A. B. Dunaway.
Periodicals—B. F. Hester.
Sunday School—J. T. Daniel.
Ministerial Relief—Pervis Tilley.
Family Prayers—E. G. Usry.
Temperance—A. H. Garner.
Orphanage—H. T. Stevens.
Woman's Work—O. N. Marshal.

Proceedings.

Knap of Reeds, N. C., July 11, 1905.

The Flat River Association met to-day in its one hundred and twelfth annual session with Knapp of Reeds church. Introductory sermon by Dr. A. B. Dunaway, Oxford, N. C.; subject—"The Valley of Dry Bones."

Moderator of last session called the house to order. Church roll called and the messengers enrolled.

Amis Chapel—A. H. Garner.
Antioch—C. H. Tapp, W. A. Barton.
Bethany—J. T. Newton, W. Cash.
Bethel—G D. Neal.
Concord—J. D. Clark, R. Currin, W. Averette.
Corinth—N. W. Pitts, D. W. Eakes, T. J. Brummitt.
Creedmoore—T. P. Curl, R. H. Rogers, J. F. Sanderford.
Enon—W. C. Currin, T. K. Daniel, J. P. Mize.
Fellowship—Ira Beck, E. A. Tingen.
Florence Avenue—J. S. Pool.
Grassy Creek—J. H. Chandler.
Hester's—S. R. Puckett, E. H. Pruitt.
Island Creek—H. T. Shanks, D. L. Woody, R. H. Shanks.
Knap of Reeds—C. S. Frazier, M. W. Veazy, E. H. Veazy
Knott's Grove—J. E. Knott, E. G. Usry, W. S. Dean.
Mill Creek—Jas. Whitt, T. H. Street.
Mountain Creek—O. W. Eakes.
Mount Harmony—T. K. Jones.
Mount Zion—J. T. Daniel, J. T. Murray, S. L. Howard.
Olive Branch—
Olive Grove—W. T. Perry.
Oxford—J. H. Long, F. P. Hobgood, A. C. Parham.
Peace Chapel—J. H. Dickerson.
Pleasant Grove—G. H. Jones.
Poplar Creek—
Providence—J. B. Perkins, E. H. Gentry.
Rock Spring—
Roxboro—J. A. Noell, R. E. Cheek.
Sharon—H. G. McFarland.
State Line—B. F. Frazier.
Stovall—W. H. Cutts, L. D. Veazy.
Tally-Ho—C. B. Haskins, A. Walters, J. C. Howard.
Bullocks—J. M. Hicks.

The Association then re-elected J. A. Stradley Moderator by acclimation, for the present session.

Dinner announced. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON.

Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer by B. D. Thames.

J. C. Howard was elected Clerk, and T. S. Waller re-elected Treasurer.

Marsh read application of Bullocks church for membership in the Association. J. H. Long, J. A. Beam and E. H. Veazy appointed as a committee to examine same.

Committee on Order of Business—Marsh, Shanks and Harris.
Committee on Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of this church.
Committee on Digest of Church Letters—Watkins, Street and Pace.

Owing to a delay in getting minutes of last session, Standing Committees were re-appointed, as follows:

Foreign Missions—A. B. Dunaway.
State Missions—G. T. Watkins.
Home Missions—R. H. Marsh.
Orphanage—E. R. Harris.
Periodicals—J. R. Pace.
Education—F. P. Hobgood.
Minister's Relief—J. A. Beam.
Temperance—A. C. Parham.
Family Prayers—S. L. Howard.
Sunday Schools—I. N. Loftin.

The committee which was appointed to examine the application of Bullock church for membership, makes a favorable report, which was adopted, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the pastor in behalf of the church.

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Afternoon.

2:30— 3:15. Education.
3:15— 4. Sunday Schools.

Second Day.

9:30—10. Religious exercise, led by C. A. Sigmon.
10 —11. Foreign Missions.
11 —12. State Missions.
12 —12:45. Orphanage.
12:45— 2. Dinner.
2 — 3. Home Missions.
3 — 3:45. Periodicals.
3:45— 4. Miscellaneous.

Third Day.

9 — 9:30. Religious exercises.
9:30—10. Woman's Work.
10 —10:30. Ministerial Relief.
10:30—11. Family Prayers.
11 —11:30. Temperance.
11:30—12. Miscellaneous.

This report is adopted.

The following visitors recognized and welcomed L. Johnson, J. S. Farmer, S. F. Conrad, B. D. Thames, C. Duncan, Fleming and Sigman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

A survey of the field of education gives joy and hope. It will be perfectly safe to say that in no other year of the history of this country has there been such substantial progress as was witnessed during the last Associational year. This awakening is not confined to North Carolina, nor to the South, nor to the United States; but it prevails to a greater extent in the United States than in the rest of the world, and in the Southern States than in the rest of the United States, and in

North Carolina than in any other of the Southern States. Larger gifts to the cause of education were made by philanthropists—in sums ranging from $100,000 to $10,000,000, this last being the largest gift to one institution at one time by one man in the history of the world. This was the gift of Deacon Rockefeller to collegiate education in America.

Public school education, the hope of the rural population, has made headway. This is seen especially in the removal of prejudice against it in the minds of those who are the most likely to receive its benefits. In many communities it has grown so popular that citizens have cheerfully voted taxes upon themselves for the purpose of lengthening the term and of improving the school houses. The activities of our brethren should manifest themselves in these two directions. We must improve the public schools, for they have largely taken the place of the private schools, and in the future will more largely do this.

We are sorry to record the destruction by fire during the last Associational year of Bethel Hill Institute, an institution established at great sacrifice by Rev. J. A. Beam, and the consequent removal of Bro. Beam from the bounds of the Association. We give to him our prayers and best wishes for his success in his new field of labor.

Oxford Seminary, which was in process of rebuilding at the last session of the Association, was completed by September 6, and opened its session of 1904-'05 with the largest patronage it ever before had. These buildings, planned by President Hobgood, have been found in the matter of convenience to be all that was expected of them. This school has for fifty-five years been doing an important work for the girls of this Association.

We are glad to report the continued prosperity of the Baptist University for Women and of the Chowan Baptist Female Institute at Murfreesboro.

President Taylor, after a service of over thirty years in guiding the destinies of Wake Forest College, resigned his great office a few weeks ago. To him the denomination owes a debt which it can never repay. During his administration most of our present endowment was secured, our Faculty more than doubled, and our number of students nearly trebled. In his character, in his scholarship, in his administrative ability, he was a model president.

We are glad to report that his mantle has fallen on the shoulders of one of Wake Forests own sons, the scholarly, the devout W. L. Poteat. Let us pray that he may have a double portion of Taylor's spirit.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

Discussed by the author, Beam, Loftin and Thames. Adoption.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school bears the same relation to the church that the home does to the State. Again, the Sunday school's relation to the church is the same that the State's schools are to the State. The home and the schools are natural feeders to our citizenship; but, let our homes deteriorate, strike a blow at our schools, and our citizenship must suffer. It seems to be true that if you build up a strong, healthful Sunday school the church will naturally take on life and vigor.

Your committee would suggest that our Sunday schools be conducted with a little more show of life and vim. No slothfulness to be had during the hour for Sunday school. Let us seek to find a superintendent with some degree of proficiency, then supply the school with teachers that will not let the time nor subject taught drag upon the young minds.

Our pastors and Sunday school superintendents must try to awaken the church membership to a sense of their duty to the Sunday school. The church membership of the Flat River Association is about 4,390, while the Sunday school attendance in the same Association is only 1,325. At least one-third of that 1325 Sunday school attendants are not church members; therefore it follows that only 883 of our Baptists in the Flat River Association are Sunday school goers.

Your committee heartily recommends the work of Bro. H. C. Moore.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. LOFTIN, Committee.

Discussed by the author, Street, Pace and Marsh. Adoption. Adjournment.

SECOND DAY—Morning.

Religious exercises conducted by Pace.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Truly we can sing, "The morning light breaking." The day dawneth and the shadows flee away. Each year the horizon grows brighter. The gospel is winning new trophies, and the outlook was never more hopeful. The day for pessimism in missions is in the past. The sound of a gong is heard and the call to duty was never more distinct.

For the year ending May 12, 1905, the Board reported $228,415.88 received from the churches of the South, 50 new missionaries sent to the various fields, and 2,231 baptisms.

We have now 189 buildings, 269 native helpers, 194 churches, 132 church buildings, 5,496 in the Sunday-school, and 11,423 members

The Board is giving attention to medical missions and schools. We have 10 physicians, 2 hospitals, and several medical dispensaries, while there are 100 being trained for Christian service in theological schools.

The women of the South raised through their societies $53,678.45. North Carolina held the fifth place in woman's work—Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina and Virginia leading her. And in the aggregate amount contributed to the Board she held the seventh place.

Some individuals and some churches are giving enough to support one missionary, five or six hundred dollars a year.

The amount contributed last year by the Flat River Association was $691.88; this year $830.94—a gain of $139.06. We ought to do better, because we are able. A. B. DUNAWAY.

Discussed by the author, Marsh, Beam, Cannady, Howard, Street, Veazy, Sanderford and Marshal. Adoption.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Looking back a decade we can see marvelous growth in this phase of our work. North Carolina has the gospel preached to it more universally than ever before, but we have yet a great field for conquest, and much destitution in Eastern Carolina. Hyde, Jones and Dare counties have only one preacher to the county, and he a missionary of the Board. Green and Lenoir, two large counties, have only one missionary for both counties. There is not a self-sustaining church in these counties, except Kinston. In many of our rapidly growing towns, with their great influx of population, there is great destitution. Every dollar given to State Missions could be wisely spent in these towns alone. Now is the hour for us to strike, if we are to take and hold these towns

in the future. New towns are springing up over the State in which we have no church or preacher. The question is, shall we win these for the Baptists of the next generation? In the West there is much undeveloped territory. Many churches and many preachers abound there, but they are sleeping giants. To awake them is our mission first to them. Experience has taught us that this can best be done through education. Christian schools is the solution in this hour of their life. Better schools will mean better education; better education will mean better preachers; better preachers will mean better leaders, and better leaders will mean better work. The Board will need $30,000 to carry out its plans for the present year.

We regret to note a falling off in State Missions by the Association for the past year of $151.28. We appeal to the old Flat River to rise in her old-time might and recover the lost territory. More, we recommend that the Association set as its figures for State Missions next year $800.00. GEO. T. WATKINS.

Time for discussion of the above given to L. Johnson, State Secretary.

Report on Digest of Church Letters submitted in connection with the above.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

	1905.	*1904.*	*Gain.*	*Loss.*
Baptized	433	241	192	....
By letter	188	144	44	....
Restored	49	22	27	....
Dismissed	278	207	....	71
Death	4	....	....	....
Totals	4,390	4,394	....	4

	1905.	*1904.*	*Gain.*	*Loss.*
Orphanage	$551.57	$518.60	$32.97	.....
Ministerial Education	125.84	198.19	.....	$62.25
Ministerial Relief	97.08	82.73	4.25	.....
Sunday Schools	25.45	.....	.....	.....

	1905.	*1904.*	*Gain.*	*Loss.*
Foreign Missions	$830.94	$691.88	$139.06	.....
Home Missions	435.87	320.01	113.86	.....
State Missions	432.72	584.00	.....	$151.28

NON-CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES.

Foreign Missions	4
State Missions	4
Home Missions	5
Orphanage	4
Ministerial Education	11
Ministerial Relief	10
Sunday School Missions	25
Number of Sunday school scholars, 1905	2,182
Number of Sunday school scholars, 1904	2,073
Gain	109

Submitted,

G. T. WATKINS,
T. H. STREET,
Committee.

This report discussed by Watkins, Loftin, Pace, Shaw, Marsh and Dunaway. Adoption.

J. H. Long, H. T. Shanks and A. Walters committee appointed on Time, Place and Preacher for the next session of this body.

Adjournment for dinner.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon.

The Association opened this session with song and prayer.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage work is comparatively a young work. The first orphan was received there just twenty years ago. During these years the Orphanage plant has grown to be worth $160,000. The monthly cost of maintenance and schooling each orphan is $5.00 per month. The demands of the institution have increased as the institution has grown. The work that we have done in caring for the orphans has been an educating and an awakening influence upon our own hearts and lives. As Dr. Poteat says in his report to the Convention:

"The beneficence influence of this institution is not all exhausted upon the children whom it homes and educates. It is educating the people who stand outside and back of it. It is calling us away from the incidentals of the Christian life to look afresh at the essence of the Christian life. It is flushing our too coldly intellectual conceptions of religion with the heart currents which more nearly express its spirit. It is softening and beautifying our denominational activity. Jesus is again in the midst with a little child in His arms."

The people have shown great interest this year by running excursions to the Orphanage, and giving the proceeds to the institution. It is a good place to go. Several hundred dollars have been realized in this way.

The Durham Mt. Zion building is now being erected, which will be a two-story, modern structure. This is paid for by the Durham churches and the Mt. Zion Association.

The waterworks, including a system of sewerage, has been completed, which will add greatly to the convenience and health of the Orphans. The tidiness of the children, the cleanliness of the houses and grounds, and the systematic management are striking features to those who visit the Orphanage. We recommend his work heartily to the Flat River Association. EDWIN R. HARRIS, Committee.

Discussed by the author, Hobgood, L. Johnson and Marsh. Adoption.

Visitors C. J. Thompson, W. C. Barrett and E. L. Middleton recognized and welcomed.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Home Missions" is conducted by a Board appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., and a field embracing the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and Cuba. Important work is done in the mountains, among the mill people, and among the negroes. Our mountain schools in Western North Carolina are under the care of Rev. A. E. Brown, and the progress of the work is most encouraging. The work among the negroes is delicate and slow, but it is hopeful and seems to be entrusted largely to the Baptists.

On the home field, 718 missionaries were employed last year, and $195,236 were contributed. Baptisms, 10,551.

The demands on this Board are double what they were five years ago, and likely will be doubled within the next five years. This is a good and great work, full of success in the past and hope for the future.

Respectfully submitted, R. H. MARSH, Chairman.

Discussed by C. J. Thompson. Adoption.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Every Baptist in the State ought to want to be reliably informed about Baptist work in North Carolina. No one can afford to neglect so important a matter, for the better one becomes informed about matters in general and Baptist matters in particular, the firmer believer he becomes in Baptist principles. Our homes, too, are the nurseries of our churches, whence are obtained, from time to time, strong material to become the pillars of our churches.

We, believing that it is a matter of great importance, recommend the Biblical Recorder as a paper that supplies all needed information in regard to our denominational work in North Carolina, and at the same time furnishes other literature suitable for our homes. The North Carolina Baptist and Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field are good papers and should have our support.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PACE.

Discussed by the author, Cannady, Chandler, Conrad, Farmer and Thompson. Adoption.

Miscellaneous comments on Oxford Female Seminary by Dunaway, Marsh and Hobgood.

Middleton and Beam speak of their respective schools.

Adjournment for the day.

THIRD DAY—Morning.

Religious exercises were conducted by O. N. Marshal.

On motion, Dr. Dunaway is requested to reproduce his speech on Foreign Missions and send it to the Biblical Recorder for publication.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The report of Woman's Work made at the last State Convention was very encouraging. There has been marked and steady progress in almost every section of the State. There are now nearly 600 Missionary Societies in the Baptist churches of North Carolina. Many of our churches have no Missionary Societies, and are thus deprived of efficient aids.

Last year the churches raised for the three Mission Boards $59,000, and the Missionary Societies contributed $14,000, or about 25 per cent. The Flat River Association raised this year $1,699.53, and if we add to that 25 per cent, we would have reported $2,123.91.

We earnestly commend the work done by our women, and urge the churches and pastors to encourage this feature of our work.

A. B. DUNAWAY.

Discussed by the author, Marsh and Street.

On motion of A. B. Dunaway, "The Flat River Association requests Miss Fannie Heck to appoint Mrs. C. D. Ray, of Oxford, N. C., as Vice-President of the Woman's Work within its bounds."

Motion carried. Report adopted.

Committee on arrangements for the next session of this body report Hester's the church; Rev. E. R. Harris to preach the introductory sermon, with Rev. J. A. Beam alternate; Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1906, the time.

J. H. LONG,
H. T. SHANKS,
A. J. WALTERS,
Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

It was a great day for our people when taking care of our old ministers became a part of the work of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Year by year this work grows upon our people, and surely the time will soon come when a church will feel disgraced to fail to take a collection for this object in the associational year. Therefore we urge that each church of our Association make a liberal contribution to this object each year.

There are now under the care of this Board 13 ministers and 13 widows. Expended last year $2,666.98. Permanent fund, $4,749.02. This makes it absolutely necessary for our Association to do more for the Board next year than we did in 1904-1905.

J. A. BEAM.

Discussed by Street, Howard, Hobgood, Stevens and Middleton. Adoption.

REPORT ON FAMILY WORSHIP.

Family prayer is one of the most important of all Christian duties. So few families call the children together to thank God for the many blessings and mercies.

If home religion is neglected, church religion will be cold; home is the place to exert a good influence on every Christian life and on all Christian work. If we do not worship God at home we can not expect to exert the influence on our associates as to lead them to the house of God. The heart and home of Christian parents should be the fountain of Christian life and influence. Where all the family worship God daily at the family altar, years may pass, but pleasant memories will carry the gray-headed back to youthful family worship.

S. L. HOWARD.

Discussed by author, Chandler, Marshal and Veazy. Adoption.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

By the great Apostle of the Gentiles, temperance is classed among the great Christian virtues, and it should be cultivated by all Christians as a means of grace. We hail with delight the good that has been and is being done by the Anti-Saloon League, and your committee is of opinion that a religious community can remove in a good degree the curse of intemperance, and that it is high time we bestir ourselves.

Therefore, resolved, that in the estimation of this Association the making, vending and drinking intoxicating liquors as a common drink or beverage is derogatory to the Christian character, and we recommend to the churches composing this body to use all proper vigilance and zeal to induce their respective members to abandon such.

Respectfully submitted, A. C. PARHAM.

Discussed by the author, Pace, Marshal and Sigman. Adoption.

Resolved, that the Clerk be allowed $20.00 for his services during this session of the Association. A. B. DUNAWAY.

Resolved 1. That the churches of the Association be requested to take up collections next year as follows:

(a) July and August, Ministerial Education.
(b) September and October, Orphanage.
(c) November and December, State Missions.
(d) January and February, Foreign Missions.
(e) March and April, Home Missions.
(f) May and June, Ministerial Relief.

Resolved 2. That the "Envelope System" be used.

R. H. MARSH.

Resolved 1. That the churches be requested and urged to forward their letters to the Clerk two (2) weeks before the time for the next meeting of this body, and that the Clerk be requested to prepare a complete statistical digest of the letters, and that this digest be read in place of reading the letters.

Resolved 2. That the Moderator be requested to send to the Recorder and N. C. Baptist a notice of this resolution one month before the next Association.

A. C. Parham, T. H. Street and J. H Long re-appointed to conduct fifth Sunday meetings.

Resolved, that this Association extend a hearty vote of thanks to this church and all the surrounding community for its hospitality during this session.

Report of Treasurer adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

We beg to submit the following contributions as received from the churches:

Orphanage		$51.95
Minister's fund		41.57
Foreign Missions		183.49
State Missions		32.96
Home Missions		43.36
Sunday School Missions		8.60
Ministerial Education		22.86
Ministers' Relief		24.38
Knott's Grove church		.50
Total		409.67
Paid J. C. Howard, Clerk	$20.00	
Paid J. C. Howard, for minutes	21.57	
Paid J. R. Pace, for Knott's Grove church	.50	
Total paid out	42.07	
Balance on hand		367.60

Respectfully submitted, T. S. WALLER, Treasurer.

Adjournment. Prayer.

J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill	A. E. Garner	Virgilina, Va. R. F. D.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Antioch	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	G. W. Deny	Roxboro, R. F. D.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Bethel	J. A. Stradly	Oxford	J. T. Newton	Rougemont	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill	A. J. Crutchfield	Mayo, Va	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Bullock	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. G. Pittard	Bullock	3rd Sunday and Saturday before
Corinth	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest	S. H. Usry	Clay	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Concord	E R. Harris	Durham	Clifford Currin	North Side	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Creedmoor	O. N. Marshal	Henderson	R. H. Rogers	Creedmoor	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	R. M. Currin	Oxford	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Fellowship	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. D. Cannady	Creedmoor	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Florence Avenue	J. M. Coleman	South Hill., Va.	J. S. Winfree	Virgilina, Va	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	Roy Badgett	Sunset	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Island Creek	I. N. Loftin	Henderson	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Knap of Reeds	E. R. Harris	Durham	M. B. Waller	Stem, R. F. D.	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Knott's Grove	J. R. Pace	Oxford	S. P. Knott	Oxford	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	G. W. Walker	Trilby	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Mountain Creek	A. V. Joyner	Wake Forest	J. S. Eakes	Oxford	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Mount Harmony	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va	T. K. Jones	Surl	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Mount Zion	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	Nat Jones	Oxford, R. F. D.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Oxford	A. B. Dunaway	Oxford	W. H. Harrison	Oxford	Every Sunday
Olive Branch	J. R. Pace	Oxford	J. P. Stovall	Virgilina, Va, R. F. D	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse	J. H. Keith	North Side	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Peace Chapel	O. N. Marshal	Henderson	W. S. Howell	Dement, R. F. D.	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Poplar Creek	W. R. Cullom	Wake Forest	E. C. Parrott	Dabney	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Providence	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va	J. H. Yarboro	Roxboro	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Pleasant Grove	A. C Sherwood	Flint	W. A. Hester	Hester	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Roxboro	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	Jno. A. Noell	Roxboro	2d and 4th Sunday
Rock Springs	I. N. Loftin	Henderson	T. A. Royster	Woodsworth	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Sharon	E. G. Cary	Oxford	H. G. McFarland	Neptune	4th Sunday and Saturday before
State Line	H. B. Jordan	Clarksville, Va.	B. F. Frazier	Bullock	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Stovall	H. B. Jordan	Clarksville, Va.	E. M. Hart	Stovall	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Tally Ho	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. R. Mangum	Oxford, R. F. D. No. 6.	1st Sunday and Saturday before

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDANT	POST OFFICE.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterleys and Papers taken.	Attendance.
Aims Chapel	W. E. Chandler	Virgilina, Va	2	40	50	35
Antioch	G. W. Denny	Roxboro, R. F. D. No. 5	8	95	120	60
Bethany	L. J. Meadows	Moriah	3	25	36	20
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Mayo, Va	23	110	150	80
Bullock	B. T. Hicks	Bullock	4	53	36	40
Corinth	A. P. Overton	Franklinton, R. F. D. 1	7	58	60	28
Concord	H. T. Raycraft	Lyons	7	50	50	42
Creedmoor	R. H. Rogers	Creedmoor	8	80	250	65
Enon	W. C. Currin	Oxford, R. F. D. No. 1	9	46	100	55
Fellowship	L. M. Thomason	Creedmoor	8	60	86	30
Florence Ave.	J. T. Tosian	Virgilina, Va	6	60	65	30
Grassy Creek	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va., R. F. D. No. 1	6	78	100	50
Hester	R. I. Daniel	Sunset	10	102	80	54
Island Creek	J. S. Norwood	Williamsboro	7	70	100	60
Knap of Reeds	T. S. Waller	Stem	6	55	61	30
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean	Oxford	9	41	42	20
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	9	78	50	60
M'tn. Creek	W. J. Downey	Oxford	8	88	100	54
Mt. Harmony	S. E. Reed	Foster	5	27	17	24
Mt. Zion	J. T. Daniel	Oxford, R. F. D. No. 1	9	70	100	67
Oxford	C. D. Ray	Oxford	17	220	250	135
Olive Grove	H. Keith	North Side	7	75	79	50
Peace Chapel	N. B. Dickerson	Dement	6	50	46	40
Poplar Creek	J. T. Callis	Carlton	4	27	35	10
Providence	E. H. Gentry	Roxboro	7	85	55	50
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smith	Creedmoor	6	109	300	76
Roxboro	R. A. Noell	Roxboro	3	97	75	65
Rock Spring	J. S. Royster	Woodworth	8	72	75	50
Sharon	P. G. Pritchett	Center Grove	4	18	60	13
State Line	J. S. Royster	Soudan, Va	6	50	60	35
Stovall	L. D. Veazy	Stovall	12	110	125	85
Tally Ho	J. E. Duncan	Stem, R. F. D	7	40	85	34
		Total	240	2029	2628	1547

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Pastors Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers Relief.	Other Objects.	Total.
Amis Chapel	150.00					20.00	6.00	26.00		27.25			35.25	264.56
Antioch	130.00			8.00		12.50	8.18	19.09		6.76	5.78		55.00	245.31
Bethany	65.00		15.00			2.82	2.00	5.00		5.39	2.70	1.90		99.81
Bethel	200.00	4.25		18.25	17.25	18.00	17.00	*187.93	13.22	71.57	92.00	7.36	67.25	714.04
Bullock	125.00					2.63	2.62	2.62						132.87
Corinth	100.00	2.75	11.00	5.55			4.65	9.37		10.65	2.35	25		146.52
Concord	100.00	36.25		8.00		6.80	6.35	8.50		4.25	2.05	2.05		174.25
Creedmoor	100.00		1.00	12.00		4.00	2 50	2.50		3.00		50		125.50
Enon	150.00	227.70	125.00		42.80	20.60	13.33	20.43		67.78	4.00	10 00	13.75	689.39
Fellowship	100.00	4.00		8 00		14.61	5.00	5.50		4.00		2.00	1.50	144.61
Florence Avenue	150.00	350.96	17.50	15.00	2.50	7.00	28 50	7.50	1.00	2.70		1.00	41.40	625.06
Grassy Creek	150.00		85	10.25		5.32	5.00	12.50		16.81		2.31	67.00	270.04
Hester	180.00		57.00	10.43	40.00	7.60	6.40	7.05	4.00	41.85	5.75	3.80	7.55	371.43
Island Creek	175.00	1.00	30.28	4.00	5.71	19.07	10.46	10.16		22.95	6.00	2.72	9.70	297.05
Knap of Reeds	135.00		44.15			10.00	9.40	14.50	1.20	16.60	3.65	3.20		237.70
Knott's Grove	60.00	208.00	15.00	1.80		1.87		1.50			2.50			290.67
Mill Creek	250.00	38.29	22.00	10.00	37.00	30.00	25.00	200.08	5 00	50.21	39.50	25.00		732.08
Mountain Creek	175.00					20.80	11.70	12.20		15.10			*15.48	250.28
Mount Harmony	50.00	95		1.00	1.50					1.00				54.45
Mount Zion	161.60	1.16	26.80	5.72	12.00	35.08	20.45	38.31		49.10	5.31	6.75	3.75	366.03
Oxford	1,200.00	7.00	21.80	55.00	4.65	133.50	196.35	125.28		62.34	6.34	14.30	2,405.25	4,425.81
Olive Branch	85.00	50.00			2.00	2.10		1.97		2.00	50	90	2.35	146.82
Olive Grove	75.00					2.65	50	2.80		6.05		25.00		87.25
Peace Chapel	100.00		1.00	2.44		7.08	2.05	3.05		4.60	1.00			121.22
Poplar Creek	150.00	91.00		4.00		15.17	6.90	11.14	3.25	7.73	6.20	1.21		294.60
Providence	100.00		10 00	20.25		1.50	1.40	2.00		4.51	2.41		3.25	143.32
Pleasant Grove	100.00			10.00							4.00		16.25	130.25
Roxboro	450.00	439.61	152.93	48 85		20.00	19.00	52.00	5.00	75.06	20.00	5.00		1,287.45
Rock Spring	150.00					13.40	17.35				5.40	5.20	4.11	195.46
Sharon	60.00			1.40		3.23		2.36					5.00	71.99
State Line	125.00	100 00	12.00	6.00	4.10	2.60	2.00	1.24		5.00	2.00	2.00		261.94
Stovall	150.00	90.17	125.00	10.00	9.00	6.07	3.00	13 98	1.00	11.98	3.00	2.68		425.88
Tally Ho	125.00		23.00	5.46	4.11	14.66	8.83	17.76		15.67		2.00	30	216.79
Slaughter Estate	20.00					93.35		93.35						206.70
*Gospel Missions. Total	$5,596.60	1,653.09	905.31	281.40	182.62	553.01	441.92	917.67	32.67	611.91	222.44	102.38	2,754.14	14,247.13

Donated by Miss Nellie Rowe, Greensb
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ANNUAL SESSION

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HESTERS CHURCH
JULY 10-12, 1906

Also 1907

MODERATOR—J. A. STRADLEY, OXFORD, N. C.
CLERK—J. C. HOWARD, STEM, N. C.
TREASURER—J. A. T. SHOTWELL, WILLIAMSBORO, N. C.

Next session meets with Amis Chapel Baptist Church, on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1907. Introductory sermon by Rev. A. C. Sherwood, Creedmoor, N. C.

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Constitution of Flat River Association.

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions, T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. A. Stradley, A. B. Dunaway, F. P. Hobgood.

Executive Board: Messrs. T. H. Street, J. C. Howard and Milton Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. P. H. Fontaine ..... Woodsdale, R. 2, N. C.
Rev. B. D. Thames ..... Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Stradley ..... Oxford, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Marsh ..... Oxford, N. C.
Rev. H. T. Stevens ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. L. L. Hudson ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. A. C. Sherwood ..... Creedmoor, N. C.
*Rev. T. W. Hart ..... Virgilina, Va.
Rev. E. R. Harris ..... Durham, N. C.
*Rev. J. D. Morris ..... Royal, N. C.
Rev. G. T. Watkins ..... Roxboro, N. C.
*Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon ..... Durham, N. C.
Rev. A. V. Joyner ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Gordon ..... Averett, Va.
Rev. A. B. Dunnaway ..... Oxford, N. C.
*Rev. J. W. Atkinson ..... Neuse, N. C.
Rev. E. G. Usry ..... Oxford, R. 2, N. C.
*Rev. H. B. Jordan ..... Clarksville, Va.
Rev. J. R. Pace ..... Oxford, N. C.

*Absent.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. R. H. Jones ..... Roxboro, R. 5, N. C.
Rev. Jas. L. Barrett ..... Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. R. I. Devin ..... Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—R. H. Marsh.
State Missions—A. C. Sherwood.
Home Missions—A. B. Dunnaway.
Periodicals—J. R. Pace.
Education—F. P. Hobgood.
Orphanage—A. V. Joyner.
Temperance—P. H. Fontaine.
Sunday-Schools—T. H. Street.
Ministerial Relief—H. T. Stevens.
Woman's Work—E. R. Harris.
Family Prayer—L. L. Hudson.
Singing—L. T. Buchanan.

Proceedings.

Oxford, N. C., R. F. D., 4, July 10, 1906.

The Flat River Association met to-day in its one hundred and thirteenth annual session with Hester's Baptist Church.

Introductory sermon preached by E. R. Harris, Durham, N. C. Subject, "The Coming of Christ."

After the sermon, the Moderator of the last session of this body called the house to order and had delegates enrolled as follows:

Amis Chapel—R. I. Mulchi, A. D. Frazier, A. H. Garner.
Antioch—W. A. Barton, G. W. Denny.
Bethany—J. A. Malone, J. T. Newton.
Bethel—J. S. Barrett, G. W. Joyner, J. H. Puryear.
Bullock—Morgan Hicks, T. A. Royster.
Concord—J. H. Painter.
Corinth—W. E. Mulchi, G. N. Daniel, C. R. Gordon.
Creedmoor—M. F. Adcock.
Dexter—W. H. Green, S. A. Green, R. L. Faucette.
Enon—B. F. Hester, J. C. Howard, H. T. Hobgood.
Fellowship—T. M. Thomasson.
Florence Ave.—W. D. Watkins, M. A. Chandler, J. S. Winfree.
Grassy Creek—J. H. Chandler, J. W. Winston.
Hesters—R. W. Hobgood, Rhodes Frazier.
Island Creek—J. A. T. Shotwell.
Knap of Reeds—Pervis Tilly, C. S. Frazier.
Knott's Grove—E. G. Usry, S. W. Knott.
Mill Creek—T. H. Street, L. K. Buchanan, Z. T. Gentry.
Mountain Creek—W. H. Nelson, J. S. Eakes.
Mt. Harmony—
Mt. Zion—J. R. Daniel, J. H. Duncan, S. R. O'Briant.
Olive Branch—J. P. Stovall.
Olive Grove—
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, F. W. Hancock.
Peace Chapel—O. Dickerson, N. B. Dickerson.
Pleasant Grove—J. H. Bowling, W. A. Hester, W. C. Daniel.
Poplar Creek—W. U. Critcher, P. E. Wilkerson, H. B. Parrott.
Providence—H. W. Buchanan, J. M. Carver.
Rock Spring—A. J. Owen, T. L. Caudle, J. E. Owen.
Roxboro—T. W. Pass.
Sharon—W. A. Sherman, J. C. Currin, H. G. McFarland.
State Line—B. J. Williamson.
Stovall—W. H. Cutts.
Tabb's Creek—A. C. Parham, W. J. Brummill, B. M. Currie.
Tally Ho—J. E. Duncan, H. M. Bragg, E. Daniel.

The Association then re-elected J. A. Stradley, Moderator, J. C. Howard, Clerk, and elected J. A. T. Shotwell, Treasurer for the present session.

A. B. Dunnaway, B. F. Hester and T. H. Street is the committee appointed on Order of Business.

Pastor and deacons a Committee on Religious Exercises for this session.

P. H. Fountaine, A. B. Dunnaway and A. C. Sherwood, Committee to Examine Articles of Faith, etc., of Tabb's Creek and Dexter churches, and consider their application for membership in the Association.

Adjournment for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

Committee on Order of Business report:

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

2 — 2:45.	Periodicals.
2:45— 3:30.	Temperance.
3:30— 4.	Ministerial Relief.

SECOND DAY.

9:30—10.	Devotional Exercises.
10 —11.	Digest of Church Letters and State Missions.
11 —12.	Foreign Missions.
12 —12:45.	Orphanage.
12:45— 2.	Dinner.
2 — 4.	Education.

THIRD DAY.

9 — 9:30.	Devotional Exercises.
9:30—10.	Woman's Work.
10 —11.	Sunday Schools.
11 —12.	Home Missions.
12 —12:30.	Family Worship.
12:30— 1.	Miscellaneous.

Visitors L. Johnson, J. S. Farmer, S. F. Conrad recognized and invited to seats.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Association has for years given line upon line, and precept upon precept, insisting that the brethren shall subscribe for our denominational and Sunday-school papers as a means of informing themselves concerning our work and as a source of clean and elevating literature. Many of our people have in consequence taken them. But a paper unread amounts to nothing. Would it not be well now to urge upon them the necessity of reading the papers, and studying the lesson helps in conjunction with the Bible, that they may be a people thoroughly furnished to all good works?

Submitted, B. F. HESTER.

Discussed by the author, Farmer, Watkins, Pace, Conrad, A. Johnson. Adopted.

Committee on Church Application for Membership report favorably. The report is adopted, and the right-hand of fellowship extended to the delegates of these churches.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The drink evil is a curse to the individual, to the home, the church and the State. It is ravishing upon our country's young manhood. The rumshop is a factory whose finished product is the drunkard. The

end of the drunkard is eternal punishment. "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God." There are several different branches connected with this great temperance question. The Word of God commands us to be temperate in all things; this means drinking, eating, sleeping, talking, swearing, and every other sphere in this life; while the saloon leads to many vices. The time has come when church members cannot afford to indulge in intemperance in any form, let it be drink or some other habit of intemperance. The saddest thought is when so-called Christians talk temperance, and on the other hand do not live the same. Therefore, be it

Resolved 1, That all members of our churches be admonished to abstain from the great evil of intemperance.

2. That as we put out the life of barrooms, let us do away with the dispensary also.

Respectfully submitted, A. H. GARNER,
Committee.

Discussed by the author, P. H. Fontaine, J. R. Pace. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We desire to consider the growing needs of the work of the Ministerial Relief Board. It is our duty to take care of our aged and infirm ministers. The number increases with the growth of our denomination.

The importance of working through the Board is emphasized in the fact that no church is expected to take care of an aged minister after his work is done. As he gives his labors and blessings to many churches and the denomination is strengthened by his labors. Then in his infirmities he becomes a beneficiary of the denomination. In giving to these we not only help others, but obtain a blessing for ourselves.

There are now under the care of the Board twenty-six, and other applications pending. The Board had $1,414.00 with which to care for those who look to it for a support last year. As the needs of the Board increases we must come to its relief.

The Board says: "The denomination owes it to these men, to God, and to itself, to see that these ministers and their families shall not suffer in their old age and infirmities. We need a larger fund for this work, that more of the needy ones may be aided, and that many of those who are helped may be assisted more liberally."

We should do more for this work than we have ever done.

PERVIS TILLEY.

Discussed by author, E. R. Harris, F. P. Hobgood, A. C. Sherwood, H. T. Stevens, S. L. Howard. Adopted.

On motion, the Association will meet the second day, evening, at the stand, to hear singing and the discussion on Education.

On motion, the Association adjourns.

Dismissed by L. Johnson.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

The Association assembles in regular session. House called to order by Moderator.

A Presbytery consisting of the pastors and visiting ministers now ordain James L. Barrett, Bethel Hill, N. C., to the full work of the ministry.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

	1906.	*1905.*	*Gain.*	*Loss.*
Baptized	228	433	.....	205
By letter	186	188	.....	2
Restored	31	49	.....	18
Dismissed	256	278	.....	22
Died	54	4	50	.....
Total membership	4,782	4,390	392	.....

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

	1906.	*1905.*	*Gain.*	*Loss.*
State Missions	$695.43	$432.72	$262.71	.....
Home Missions	525.55	435.87	89.68	.....
Foreign Missions	1,322.73	830.94	491.79	.....
Sunday-school Missions	62.80	25.45	37.35	.....
Orphanage	1,018.23	551.57	466.66	.....
Ministerial Education	111.63	125.84	.....	$14.21
Ministerial Relief	78.18	97.08	.....	18.90
Total	3,814.55	2,499.47	1,315.08	.....

LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Pastors' salaries	$5,848.25
Building and repairing	5,476.03
Incidentals	628.39
Sunday-school expenses	324.96
Poor	200.53
Other objects	1,328.27
Total	13,806.43
Grand total	17,620.98

To benevolent objects, 80 cents per capita.
To all objects, $3.68 per capita.

NON-CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES.

State Missions	2
Home Missions	3
Foreign Missions	1
Orphanage	3
Ministerial Education	14
Ministerial Relief	10
1906. Number of Sunday-school scholars	2,722
1905. Number of Sunday-school scholars	2,182
Gain	471

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee is glad to report the continued favor of God upon this phase of our benevolent work during the past year. Our denomination is becoming more enthusiastic yearly in evangelizing our entire State. We are looking more to the better equipment of the great army that is to help take this entire world for God. Our leader, Bro. Livingston Johnston, with his excellent Board of Missions, is displaying great wisdom and skill in annually expending the offerings of our

churches to this object. We are yearly enlarging the place of our tent, lengthening our cords and strengthening our stakes. The missionaries of this Board are godly, consecrated and energetic men. They are making a sacrifice that few appreciate, and still they do it quietly and with no complaint. God is richly crowning their efforts, and many souls are being saved and many churches established through their labors. We are glad to remember that our churches have always responded cheerfully to every advanced call of this Board. Again we hear the cry: "Forward! rally to the standard." Let the old Flat River advance her banner. Let each soldier close in and make the coming year the best in our history in our offerings to State Missions.

G. T. WATKINS, Committee.

Discussed by author and L. Johnson. Adoption.

Other visitors—W. L. Poteat, H. C. Moore and Arch Johnson—respond to recognition.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Never, perhaps, since the beginning of the Christian era, has there been such a deep and widespread interest on the subject of Foreign Missions as there is to-day. All evangelical denominations are feeling the responsibility for the evangelization of the world as never before. The Southern Baptist Convention has been going forward year by year in its contributions, both of men and money. At the late Convention a debt of $20,000 was reported, but the Convention was in no way discouraged. Retrenchment was not thought of, but on the other hand the Board was instructed to go forward.

The report from North Carolina was very gratifying. We advanced in our contributions from $20,000 last year to $28,000 this year. From the seventh place in the list of Southern States we have gone up to the fourth; and yet we are not beginning to come up to the measure of our duty. North Carolina ought to give $50,000 next year for Foreign Missions. What will the Flat River Association do?

F. P. HOBGOOD.

Discussed by author, Pace, Fontaine, Chandler, Dunaway. Adoption.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Number of children 307. Health of the orphans excellent. The year just closing has been the best, in a financial way, in the history of the Orphanage. More than three hundred Sunday-schools are giving a monthly collection, which not only helps to tide over the hard months, but keeps the interest alive and growing. There ought to be in North Carolina a thousand Sunday-schools setting apart one Sunday in each month to the Orphanage work.

The general work of the institution is making satisfactory progress. The children, as a whole, are bright and promising, and for the most part they are making use of the unusual opportunties they are enjoying.

The eastern and western sections of the State are about equally divided in the number of children, though that part of North Carolina east of Greensboro contributes by far the greater part of the current funds. It is a remarkable fact that there is only one family of children at the Orphanage whose father was a preacher, and they have come within the past six weeks. The preachers do more and receive less in the way of direct benefit from the Orphanage than any other class of men.

The water-works system is entirely satisfactory, and the Orphanage

can be and is kept neat and clean. It required a large outlay to establish the water-works, but it is worth many times the price. The debt which has been hanging over the institution for several years has been greatly reduced within the year, and it is hoped that before the close of the present year it may be completely wiped out.

General Manager Kesler is proving the wisdom of the Board in selecting him for the arduous task committed to his hands. He is sensible, energetic, prudent and thoroughly consecrated to his work. He has addressed himself to the work of improving the general appearance of the grounds, believing that the ornamental and the useful may and should go hand in hand. Naturally beautiful, the grounds should be made one of the most attractive places in all North Carolina.

There are four departments of work for the boys—the farm, the printing office, the wood shop and the shoe shop. They have all paid dividends into the Orphanage treasury, CHARITY AND CHILDREN leading with a profit of $1,800 over and above running expenses. The Orphanage plant, including invested funds, is estimated to be worth $175,000. There are some twenty buildings, worth about $60,000 and a valuable farm of 400 acres. The wheat crop will yield this year about 500 bushels, and corn and peas are made in proportion.

We should all be very thankful for our beloved institution and the general prosperity that prevails therein.

Respectfully submitted, H. T. STEVENS.

Discussed by Stevens, A. Johnson, Marsh, Fontaine. Adoption.

On motion, a collection is taken amounting to $13.19; same paid to A. Johnson.

Adjournment. Dinner.

SECOND DAY—EVENING.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

One of the striking and gratifying features of the modern educational movement is the persistence with which the denominational school has held its place in the enlarged system. Notwithstanding the difficulties it has had to meet, and the discouragements, both multiplied and multiform, with which it has had to contend, it has demonstrated not simply the warrant of its existence, but has made a glorious proof of its great ministry.

The changed circumstances, the elaborate and enlarged educational schemes of the day, the larger demand of the hour for broader scholarship and culture have in them a need for the denominational school as urgent as that which in earlier years called it into existence.

For a wholesome religious and Christian atmosphere in which our youth are to receive their intellectual training we must look largely, if not wholly, to our denominational school.

Such an atmosphere may be incidental to the life and work of State and secular schools, but these schools do not exist for such an end, and must, in the nature of the case, be incidental and accidental.

The denominational school, standing as truly and broadly for liberal and thorough scholarship, stands also for an elevated religious and spiritual tone, under which our youth are to receive their impressions and inspirations for life.

For so definite a purpose these schools were founded; for so high an end they are to be perpetuated.

As long as we shall consider such an atmosphere necessary to the

broadest and truest culture, and to the noblest and loftiest manhood and womanhood, we must continue to support and cherish our own schools.

It is a matter of sincere congratulation and for profound gratitude that the schools directly and indirectly associated with this body and the State Convention have so greatly prospered during the last year.

Wake Forest College, under the wise and enthusiastic leadership of President Poteat, had a total enrollment of 345 students, and the prospects of the school were never brighter.

The Baptist University for Women, located in Raleigh, has had a very prosperous session. The Oxford Seminary continues, under the energetic management of President Hobgood, to break the record of each preceding year in the number of matriculates and in the grade of work done. The Chowan Female Institute is in a most flourishing condition.

A. B. DUNAWAY.

Discussed by author and Dr. W. L. Poteat before the whole Association while assembled at the arbor.

T. M. Thomasson, B. F. Hester, J. H. Chandler, Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, report Amis Chapel the church, Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1906; A. C. Sherwood, Creedmoor, N. C., to preach the introductory sermon.

Committee on Obituaries—R. H. Marsh, J. E. Duncan, A. C. Parham.

Adjournment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by A. C. Sherwood.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The report of Woman's Work made by Bro. Dunaway at our last Asssociation seemed to give an enthusiastic spirit to every one. We can yet look over the statistics of the State and see a great work done by the women. But what support are the women giving them from the Flat River Association?

We have thirty-two churches in the bounds, and, the best I can get at the women's work, eight Women's Missionary Societies. Again I ask, what is the matter with our women?

They ought to be encouraged when they see the great work that the women are doing in other communities. Remember the meeting in Durham last spring and take courage and go ahead. Next year I hope to learn that there are thirty-two live Women's Missionary Societies in the bounds of Flat River Association before the next annual meeting, and fifteen missionaries paid through them and their work. Others are doing so, and why not Flat River?

We earnestly commend the work done by our women in the State, and we urge the churches and pastors of the Flat River bounds to encourage the women's work.

O. N. MARSHALL.

Discussed by Street and Dunaway.

The resignation of Mrs. C. D. Ray as President in this Association is accepted, and Miss Fannie Heck is requested to appoint Miss Evie Street in her place.

Further discussed by Fontaine, Thompson and others.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In the Sunday-school service three things are greatly needed—larger schools, better schools and more schools.

1. The number in every school ought to be the same as the total membership of the controlling church. Many church members, by reason of distance, physical condition, or age, are providentially excused from the work. Their places might be easily filled by neighbors and non-church members. Those who can't go ought to furnish substitutes. Every church member ought to be related to the school by sympathy, personal presence or by pecuniary support. Less than this is to fall under the "low-water mark." By proper effort, almost any school might be doubled.

2. Our crying need is for better schools. This means better teachers and better houses. The work of the school is measured largely by the efficiency of the teachers. Regularity, promptness, industry and wholeheartedness are chief requisites for successful teaching. Whosoever will may have these. Add to them the helps in the way of literature and teachers' meetings that may be obtained with little cost, and all of our schools, in town or country, may be supplied with first-class teachers. It would add greatly to real success if better adapted class-rooms could be furnished. We need to revise our church building plans. Rooms for special classes, if not for every class, would be helpful. The best work cannot be done without improved room facilities. Better teachers and better places for teaching are greatly to be desired.

3. As to the schools needed, we would only say every church needs a school and every school needs a church. We would not advise division of labor on mission school where no church is needed. A good school is a good forerunner for a church, but too many schools are often weakening and disturbing in their effect on the church.

We note with pleasure the increasing interest and efficiency of our schools. North Carolina ranks among the very first of our Southern States in this department of service. In our Association we have thirty-two schools reported, but, sad to say, many of them close up in the winter. A school at every church but one. The churches without schools in the day will soon come to nothing in membership as well as efficiency. "No school" and "no good" seem to be joined together.

PRESIDENT STEPHENS' ADDRESS.

In his great annual address before the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Chattanooga, President E. W. Stephens, speaking of the Sunday-school Board, said:

"An institution of phenomenal growth has been our Sunday-school Board. Beginning in 1892, with a total asset of $4,081 and a business the first year of $19,574.81, it reports, May 1, 1906, assets of $156,913.35, with total receipts for the year of $146,468.31, and a patronage that extends over all the Southern States and is rapidly growing. An even greater work than that of its business has been the interest it has aroused in Sunday-school work through its efficient secretaries. And yet there is probably no department more destitute than that of Sunday-schools. Out of 20,406 churches in the South, but 11,386—a little over one-half—have Sunday-schools; but this is much less than when our Board was organized. We need missionary work among the Sunday-schools, not only in securing more schools, but better teaching.

"The projected movement of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to establish a chair of Sunday-school Pedagogy, whereby there

can be inaugurated a practical system of training of Sunday-school teachers and of ministers in Sunday-school methods is worthy of encouragement, and it is hoped it will be carried into effect. The Sunday-school stands at the initial point of religious life. We must give more attention to it. Every church member should be in the Sunday-school, and every church, wherever it be located, should have a Sunday-school. Let us cry aloud and spare not until we bring all this to pass. We have an amplitude of helps. We should use them. There should be a teachers' meeting in every school, and Sunday-school conventions and institutes in every district and State convention, active and live, and well conducted. Every pastor should be a specialist in Sunday-school work. He should be capable of selecting and training teachers, and of seeing that Sunday-schools are properly organized and conducted. Let us stand by the Sunday-school Board at Nashville, patronize its literature, and make it sufficient for every need."

A work of so great importance and promise ought to have a permanent associational organization. We would at least recommend the inauguration of some plan for the conduct of "teachers' meetings" by neighboring churches. J. THOS. DANIEL.

Discussed by H. C. Moore, Fontaine, Marsh and Hancock. Adoption.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board is an important factor in the enlargement of our general mission work throughout our great Southland. Its influence is felt in almost every large city and the adjacent province. Home and State Missions are the ground-work for all other phases of the Mission movement. It is in no way opposed to any department of the Mission cause, but a part of all missions. The Home Board endeavors to carry out the command: "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations."

The Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and consists of a president and seventeen vice-presidents—one in each State and Territory in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention—the corresponding secretary and assistant corresponding secretary, treasurer, recording secretary, and auditor; also fifteen other managers, all of whom reside in Atlanta.

The work of the Home Mission Board is divided into a number of departments and is largely co-operative. It does work among the cities and strengthens the churches until they are able to sustain themselves. Many of these churches which have become independent are paying back large returns to the work—a number of them paying in one year more than the Board gave them in all. During the past few years the Board has done some good work among the negro population. This, however, was an experiment and did not come up to the expectations of the managers of the work. The mountain missions and schools have given very gratifying results. They are an inspiration to the Baptist people of the mountain section, and they are furnishing workers for the Sunday-school and church work in general. The hope of the mountain section is in the education of her sons and daughters, and there is no better means of giving to them the proper training than in our Christian schools. These schools have for their principals consecrated men, and they are assisted by teachers devoted to the cause. They have an enrollment of 4,000 pupils and employ seventy teachers. Several of these schools are located in North Carolina. Rev. A. E. Brown, a man of ripe experience and extensive knowledge, was appointed superintendent of this work. The Board also does work in Cuba and along the frontier.

God's favor has in a marked degree been upon the working forces in the field. Many have been led to Christ, and a deepening spirit of consecration in our Lord has been reported from many directions. In Cuba

baptisms have been frequent. In the Territories there have been many notable revivals. Baltimore, Memphis and New Orleans have been greatly stirred by the generous help of the Home Board, to say nothing of St. Louis, Kansas City, Galveston and other cities.

The increase in additions by baptisms and letter for 1906 over that of 1905 was $3,773. Surely the Lord has done great things whereof we are glad. Last year there were 718 missionaries, 2,222 churches and stations, 10,551 baptisms, 10,019 received by letter. The receipts of the Board amounted to $145,705.31—an increase over 1905 of $12,147.31.

When we consider the fact that the South has always stood for the pure faith, and that there has not entered into the minds and hearts of the people the false beliefs that are prevalent in the North, and when we realize that the minds of the Northern capitalists are turning towards the South, and that they are rapidly building up our business interests, and that we are fast becoming a manufacturing people and our towns are rapidly becoming cities with immense populations, we must at least consider our responsibility under these conditions and measure up to the opportunities that are placed before us. The members of the Flat River Association should do their proportionate part in this great work.

For some time the Home Board has been considering the feasibility of putting evangelists into the field. Other denominations have been doing this work successfully. The Board felt that since there was a wave of revival all over the country, that it was an opportune time to begin this work, and so at the Southern Baptist Convention they made arrangements to employ a corps of evangelists. While this is an experiment with the Board, it becomes every loyal Baptist to do all within his power by his influence and support to make it a success.

EDWIN R. HARRIS, Committee.

Discussed by C. J. Thompson, Vice-President of the Home Board. Adoption.

REPORT ON FAMILY WORSHIP.

Family worship is the most important and the most sadly neglected obligation that we owe to God and to our family. No family can be fully united in Christian love without joining daily in family worship. We should bear in mind that our children are to take our places in the church and in the service of Christ when we are dead, and it should be our highest ambition to make them better prepared to fill our places than we ourselves are, which we cannot do without the family altar. We should be so impressed with the obligation that God has placed upon us for the proper training of our children that we will regard family prayer not so much as an obligation as a privilege. Abraham was chosen "father of the faithful" because God knew that he would properly train his children. Eli died of a broken neck because of his improperly trained boys.

The daily religious service in which every member of the family joins is an acknowledgment of dependence on God and a renewed consecration to His work. The hymn is sung, the Bible is read, the prayer is offered, and if all who have met at the altar have earnestly engaged in the service, they leave it helped, soothed, strengthened and armored as they were not before they met there. The absent members, the sick and the tempted are remembered in united prayer, and the soul has been fed with the richest food.

As the Israelites in the desert were attended by a pillar of cloud and fire, so the family who engage daily in united worship are constantly overshadowed by His presence and love.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. USRY.

Discussed by author. Adoption.

REPORT ON FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that the fifth Sunday meetings during the past Associational year have been very unsatisfactory, and we think best to discontinue them.

A. C. PARHAM,
T. H. STREET,
Committee.

Discussed by Marsh and others. Adoption.

On motion of F. W. Hancock, J. E. Duncan, B. F. Hester and B. F. Dean are appointed a committee to get a rally of Sunday-schools of the Association on one fifth Sunday during the next year.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the past year our hearts have been made sad by the providences of God in removing from our Association some of our strongest and most efficient members. We miss them as we come together, as they were faithful to attend the sessions of the Flat River Association, but we know that God doeth all things well, and we bow ourselves to His will.

Below we mention some of the names. Possibly there are others who ought to be included in this report: Bro. James R. Hart, of Mount Creek; Bro. William T. Hunt, of Tally Ho; Bro. W. A. Parham, of Fairport, Bros. W. H. Blalock, B. D. Howard and D. J. Gooch, of Mount Zion; Bro. J. H. Long, of Oxford.

Let us cherish their memories and copy their virtues. May their example be a stimulus to us to do what we can while God spares us, that we may be ready to receive our reward when we come to die.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH,
A. C. PARHAM,
J. ED DUNCAN.

A vote of thanks is extended to the church and community for such kind treatment during this meeting.

On motion, the Clerk is allowed the usual fee of $20.

J. C. Howard allowed $1.25 for stamps and stationery.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received following amounts:

State Missions		$30.09
Home Missions		52.60
Foreign Missions		73.19
Orphanage		49.17
Ministerial Education		16.26
Ministerial Relief		29.70
Minutes Fund		51.48
Paid J. C. Howard, Clerk	$20.00	
" " " Account	1.25	
" " " Minutes	30.23	
	$51.48	$302.49
Balance on hand		$251.01

B. F. Dean offered the following resolution:

Whereas, singing is one of the ways that the majority of the people can serve God most acceptably, be it

Resolved, That this Association enter "Singing" upon the list of subjects for discussion at its next session, in order that more enthusiasm may be aroused on this very important feature of service.

Adopted.

Adjournment. Prayer.

J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICE, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post-office.	Clerks.	Post-office.	Time of Preaching.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	A. E. Garner	Virgilina, Va	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Antioch	R. D. Thames	Bethel Hill	G. W. Denny	Roxboro, R. F. D. 5	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Bethany	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. T. Newton	Rougemount	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Bullock	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	T. A. Royster	Bullock	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Corinth	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest	S. H. Usry	Clay	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Concord	L. L. Hudson	Wake Forest	Clifford Currin	Northside	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Creedmoor	A. C. Sherwood	Creedmoor	W. W. Freeman	Creedmoor	
Dexter	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	E. J. Green	Oxford, R. F. D. 5	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	R. M. Currin	Oxford	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Fellowship	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. D. Cannady	Creedmoor	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Florence Avenue	T. W. Hart	Virgilina, Va	R. E. Amis	Virgilina, Va	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	J. W. Winston	Nelson, R. F. D	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	W. R. Badgett	Oxford	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Island Creek	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Knap of Reeds	E. R. Harris	Durham	M. B. Waller	Stem, R. F. D	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Knott's Grove	J. D. Morris	Royal	S. P. Knott	Oxford	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Mill Creek	G. F. Watkins	Roxboro	G. W. Walker	Trilby	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Mount Zion	J. B. Weatherspoon	Durham	R. H. O'Briant	Oxford, R. F. D.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Mountain Creek	A. V. Joyner	Wake Forest	J. S. Eakes	Oxford, R. F. D 7	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Mount Harmony	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va	T. K. Jones	Roguemont, R. F. D. 4	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Oxford	A. B. Dunaway	Oxford	W. H. Harrison	Oxford	Every Sunday
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse	J. H. Keith	Northside	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Olive Branch	J. R. Pace	Oxford	J. P. Stovall	Virgilina, Va., R. F. D. 5	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Peace Chapel	A. C. Sherwood	Creedmoor	W. S. Howell	Kittrell, R. F. D. 2	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Pleasant Grove	A. C. Sherwood	Creedmoor	R. O. Secrist	Creedmoor	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Poplar Creek	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest	E. C. Parrott	Henderson, R. F. D. 5	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Providence	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va	J. H. Yarborough	Roxboro	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Roxboro	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	John A. Noell	Roxboro	2d and 4th Sundays
Rock Spring	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest	J. E. Owen	Wobeeree, Va	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Sharon	E. G. Usry	Oxford, R. F. D. 2	H. G. McFarland	Berea, R. F. D. 1	4th Sunday and Saturday before
State Line	H. B. Jordan	Clarksville, Va	J. C. Huff	Soudan, Va	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Stovall	H. B. Jordan	Clarksville, Va	E. M. Hart	Stovall	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Tally Ho	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. R. Mangum	Oxford, R. F. D. 6	1st Sunday and Saturday before

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Churches.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Restoration.	Total.	Lost by Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Total.	Gain or Loss.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Amis Chapel	----	5	----	5	3	----	----	3	G 2	89	95	184
Antioch	----	1	----	1	7	2	3	12	L 11	42	53	95
Bethel	18	5	3	26	16	1	2	19	G 7	101	120	221
Bethany	----	1	----	1	----	----	----	----	G 1	21	44	65
Bullock	----	19	----	19	----	----	----	----	G 19	21	23	44
Corinth	5	3	----	8	11	----	2	13	L 5	44	85	129
Concord	2	13	----	15	1	----	----	1	G 14	39	80	119
Creedmoor	5	4	----	9	1	----	----	1	G 8	31	27	58
Dexter	----	16	----	16	----	----	----	----	G 16	7	9	16
Enon	----	17	----	17	4	1	1	6	G 11	71	79	150
Fellowship	2	5	2	9	3	----	2	5	G 4	40	97	137
Florence Avenue	9	4	----	13	1	----	----	1	G 12	25	46	71
Grassy Creek	25	2	7	34	15	----	8	23	G 11	71	125	196
Hester's	----	----	3	3	14	4	7	25	L 22	86	100	186
Island Creek	19	7	1	27	14	1	2	17	G 10	122	149	271
Knapp of Reeds	3	1	----	4	3	1	2	6	L 2	74	64	138
Knott's Grove	3	7	----	10	1	----	1	2	G 8	31	34	65
Mill Creek	27	3	3	33	6	2	2	10	G 23	105	170	275
Mount Zion	9	5	----	14	12	4	7	23	L 9	71	126	197
Mountain Creek	3	2	1	6	8	5	2	15	L 9	91	150	241
Mount Harmony	6	3	----	9	----	----	----	----	G 9	14	34	48
Oxford	7	23	2	32	16	----	1	17	G 14	144	253	397
Olive Grove	14	3	1	18	----	----	----	----	G 18	43	63	106
Olive Branch	----	----	----	----	1	1	----	2	L 2	58	54	112
Peace Chapel	5	2	----	7	8	----	2	10	L 3	32	65	97
Pleasant Grove	11	12	1	24	1	----	----	1	G 23	59	86	145
Poplar Creek	----	----	----	----	4	----	1	5	L 5	51	54	105
Providence	22	[illegible]	3	30	2	1	2	5	G 25	39	71	110
Roxboro	10	8	----	18	4	6	2	12	G 6	44	74	118
Rock Spring	8	----	----	8	2	----	----	2	G 6	45	68	113
Sharon	6	----	----	6	1	----	----	1	G 5	28	44	72
State Line	----	1	----	1	6	7	----	13	L 12	37	50	87
Stovall	----	3	1	4	28	5	----	33	L 29	79	114	193
Tally Ho	9	6	3	18	21	1	5	27	L 9	79	142	221
Total	228	186	31	445	214	42	54	310	G134	1,934	2,848	4,782

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches	Superintendents.	Post-office.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Attendance.	Months Kept Open.
Amis Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Virgilina, Va	5	75	240	60	9
Antioch	G. W. Denny	Roxboro, R. F. D. 5	7	68	90	40	9
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	12	108	110	50	12
Bethany	L. J. Meadows	Roguemont	3	25	24	15	9
Bullock	B. T. Hicks	Bullock	6	38	40	30	12
Corinth	D. W. Eakes	Oxford	8	51	48	40	8
Concord	Ralph Currin	Northside	6	70	75	60	12
Creedmoor	M. F. Adcock	Creedmoor	7	85	150	65	12
Dexter	S. A. Green	Oxford, R. F. D. 5	7	53	------	40	12
Enon	C. Currin	Oxford, R. F. D. 1	10	65	100	75	12
Fellowship	S. A. Cannady	Creedmoor	7	73	100	50	12
Florence Ave	J. T. Torain	Virgilina, Va	6	36	50	30	12
Grassy Creek	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va	9	100	157	60	9
Hester's	B. F. Dean	Oxford	9	112	108	61	12
Island Creek	J. S. Norwood	Williamsboro	14	120	150	100	9
Knapp of R'ds	S. W. Waller	Stem, R. F. D. 1	6	50	60	30	12
Knotts Grove	J. R. Buchanan	Oxford	7	40	48	31	7
* Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	15	164	200	90	12
Mt. Zion	J. T. Daniel	Oxford	9	50	130	63	12
Mountain Crk	W. J. Downey	Oxford, R. F. D. 5	8	80	100	60	8
Mt. Harmony	S. E. Peed	Moriah, R. F. D. 5	4	24	14	20	6
Oxford	J. F. Meadows	Oxford	16	217	300	97	12
Olive Grove	W. B. Connelly	Northside	11	76	80	48	8
Olive Branch							
Peace Chapel	W. S. Howell	Kittrell, R. F. D. 2	8	49	46	40	9
Pleasant Gro	J. W. Smith	Creedmoor	10	90	80	60	9
Poplar Creek	J. L. Capps	Henderson, R. F. D. 5	4	26	75	18	4
Providence	J. E. Perkins	Roxboro	7	50	40	35	12
Roxboro	E. D. Cheek	Roxboro	13	212	205	115	12
Rock Spring	J. S. Royster	Woodsworth	9	70	78	59	9
Sharon	J. C. Currie	Berea, R. F. D. 7	4	30	35	20	8
State Line	J. S. Royster	Soudan, Va	6	30	25	25	9
Stovall	G. A. Faucett	Stovall	10	75	75	50	12
Tally Ho	J. E. Duncan	Stem, R. F. D. 3	8	40	70	30	12
Total			270	2,452	3,103	1,657	

* Two schools.

Sunday School Contributions:

Missions	$178.07
Orphanage	272.97
Total	451.04

W. M. S. Contributions:

Missions	$498.71

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors Salary	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Totals.
Amis Chapel	$150.00	$370.00	------	$5.00	------	$14.00	$11.35	$30.00	------	$67.55	------	------	$1.50	$649.40
Antioch	130.00	.50	------	10.18	------	9.92	5.31	7.00	------	7.00	$6.30	------	37.50	213.36
Bethel	200.00	------	$3.03	12.73	$60.00	38.00	11.90	161.18	------	202.31	------	------	16.30	705.45
Bethany	------	4.00	------	------	------	5.00	5.00	5.28	------	5.33	------	$1.00	1.00	26.61
Bullock	125.00	790.00	------	------	------	3.20	2.75	5.00	------	7.00	------	------	1.00	933.95
Corinth	100.00	207.08	10.00	3.00	3.58	7.39	9.47	22.50	------	4.71	1.50	1.15	1.50	371.88
Concord	100.00	20.00	30.50	23.90	7.41	5.00	5.30	5.95	------	16.95	------	------	1.00	216.01
Creedmoor	200.00	------	------	------	------	8.37	6.36	7.95	------	30.30	3.00	3.67	9.41	269.06
Dexter	------	800.00	------	6.00	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	1.00	807.00
Enon	170.00	29.50	------	------	5.00	18.66	19.26	25.42	25.46	74.72	6.60	10.00	20.50	405.12
Fellowship	100.00	------	------	8.00	------	12.25	7.13	6.00	------	44.00	------	1.60	1.20	180.18
Florence Avenue	150.00	460.00	20.00	15.25	2.50	15.17	4.55	14.21	1.25	3.82	.96	2.54	23.85	714.10
Grassy Creek	150.00	------	26.00	15.00	6.80	6.75	2.33	18.30	7.09	17.73	------	3.09	34.50	287.59
Hester's	180.00	200.00	12.00	9.40	------	15.66	8.85	15.00	------	19.01	3.85	4.55	26.07	488.39
Island Creek	175.00	64.15	------	------	5.00	10.72	9.89	69.83	------	22.65	9.71	------	1.25	368.20
Knapp of Reeds	135.00	------	29.50	15.00	14.50	16.00	8.70	16.63	------	29.60	------	4.30	15.30	280.93
Knott's Grove	60.00	209.00	16.50	3.60	------	3.40	------	7.85	------	------	------	------	.75	301.10
Mill Creek	250.00	106.00	25.00	14.09	37.58	70.00	50.00	251.00	15.00	63.09	40.00	10.25	17.20	949.21
Mount Zion	168.25	------	15.00	5.00	2.64	28.67	23.97	34.47	------	50.00	7.75	7.40	18.60	361.15
Mountain Creek	175.00	------	------	8.00	------	14.35	10.50	55.00	------	------	------	4.03	19.60	286.48
Mount Harmony	60.00	------	------	.50	6.16	1.00	1.00	------	------	5.00	------	1.15	.65	75.46
Oxford	1,350.00	375.00	175.00	64.47	6.66	110.27	194.25	228.63	5.00	174.00	5.79	8.55	1,005.00	3,702.68
Olive Grove	100.00	100.00	54.65	------	------	------	------	2.25	------	7.02	------	------	1.05	264.97
Olive Branch	85.00	350.00	7.50	------	------	2.50	------	2.86	------	2.43	------	------	1.00	451.29
Peace Chapel	100.00	------	4.74	15.18	------	9.40	2.40	2.00	------	8.00	1.50	------	2.00	145.22
Pleasant Grove	125.00	223.30	2.00	5.00	4.00	1.35	2.00	4.64	------	9.00	2.76	2.00	1.70	382.75
Poplar Creek	150.00	------	------	3.00	------	21.60	12.00	26.10	------	4.60	1.00	1.00	13.05	232.35
Providence	100.00	------	18.00	12.00	11.92	1.50	1.25	1.00	------	.60	1.00	------	1.25	148.52
Roxboro	450.00	891.00	117.71	40.00	------	40.00	85.00	50.00	5.00	93.20	15.00	5.00	2.50	1,794.41
Rock Spring	150.00	------	15.79	6.00	------	5.35	12.02	42.08	------	2.88	3.50	5.40	1.00	244.02
Sharon	60.00	------	------	1.50	------	3.62	------	4.00	------	2.19	------	------	5.00	76.31
State Line	125.00	26.50	------	5.00	8.00	------	2.20	7.50	4.00	6.35	------	------	18.45	203.00
Stovall	150.00	------	20.00	7.00	3.59	12.10	4.05	10.45	------	7.60	1.41	------	15.70	231.90
Tabb's Creek	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	1.00	1.00
Tally Ho	125.00	250.00	29.07	11.16	15.19	19.00	6.76	17.41	------	29.53	------	1.50	16.84	521.46
Slaughter estate	------	------	------	------	------	165.23	------	165.24	------	------	------	------	------	330.47
Total	5,848.25	5,476.03	628.39	324.96	200.53	695.43	525.55	1,322.73	62.80	1,018.23	111.63	78.18	1,328.27	17,620.98

Constitution of Flat River Association.

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly stake his own views without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions, T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. A. Stradley, A. B. Dunaway, F. P. Hobgood.

Executive Board: Messrs. T. H. Street, J. C. Howard and Milton Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. P. H. Fontaine.....Woodsdale, R. 2, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Stradley.....Oxford, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Marsh.....Oxford, N. C.
*Rev. H. T. Stevens.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. L. L. Hudson.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. A. C. Sherwood.....Creedmoor, N. C.
Rev. T. W. Hart.....Virgilina, Va.
*Rev. J. D. Morris.....Royal, N. C.
Rev. G. T. Watkins.....Roxboro, N. C.
*Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon.....Durham, N. C.
Rev. A. V. Joyner.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Gordon.....Averett, Va.
*Rev. A. B. Dunaway.....Oxford, N. C.
*Rev. J. W. Atkinson.....Neuse, N. C.
*Rev. H. B. Jordan.....Clarksville, Va.
Rev. J. R. Pace.....Oxford, N. C.
W. L. Kyle.....Henderson, N. C.

*Absent.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. R. H. Jones.....Roxboro, R. 5, N. C.
Rev. Jas. L. Barrett.....Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. R. I. Devin.....Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—G. T. Watkins.
State Missions—B. F. Hester.
Home Missions—J. H. Gordon.
Periodicals—A. C. Sherwood.
Education—R. H. Marsh.
Orphanage—F. P. Hobgood.
Temperance—J. A. Stradley.
Sunday Schools—A. J. Crutchfield.
Ministerial Relief—H. T. Stevens, T. H. Street.
Woman's Work—A. B. Dunaway.
Family Prayer—A. C. Parham.
Singing—C. S. Chandler.

Proceedings.

AMIS CHAPEL, NEAR VIRGILINA, VA., July 16, 1907.

The Association meets in the one hundred and fourteenth annual session with the Moderator of the previous session in the Chair. According to appointment, Rev. A. C. Sherwood preached the introductory sermon.

The Association then elected the following officers for the present session: Rev. P. H. Fontaine, Moderator; J. C. Howard, Clerk; and W. P. Wilkerson, Treasurer.

J. A. Stradley, J. R. Pace and G. T. Watkins constitute the committee appointed to examine the applications of Beulah and Rock Grove churches for membership in this Association.

R. H. Marsh, J. P. Stovall and J. W. Winston a Committee on Order of Business.

Adjournment for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Opening exercise, song and prayer. Committee on Order of Business make a partial report, which is accepted.

Committee on Church Application for Membership make a favorable report, which is adopted.

The Moderator extends, for the Association, the right hand of fellowship to the representatives of the two new churches.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Downey, Thames and Johnson respond to recognition.

P. H. Fontaine offered the following:

WHEREAS, this Association was originally organized only as a religious body and for the purpose of advancing the spiritual welfare of the churches, and

WHEREAS, there is a growing tendency on the part of many to regard this and other Associations as places for seeking pleasure, and for traffic in merchandise, to the detriment of the work of the Association, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we call upon all of God's people to do all they can to check said tendency.

2d. That the officers of this Association be appointed a committee to request the members of the Legislature from Granville and Person counties to secure the passage of a law forbidding the sale of any merchandise within one mile of any Missionary Baptist church in said counties, except at a regular store or place of business, during the session of any religious body or meeting, without the written consent of the presiding officer of said body or meeting.

Spoken to by the author, Hobgood, Johnson, Marsh. Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Report on Woman's Work.

Never before in the history of missions has such an important factor arisen for its promotion as the Woman's Work.

Advisedly I make the statement that the brightest outlook for the world's evangelization is from the source of Woman's Work.

Their organization, not only in the S. B. Convention, but all over the Christian world for world evangelization, is phenominal.

In North Carolina this work is making great progress, and is surpassed, perhaps, only by Virginia, in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The last annual report of the Woman's Missionary Union for North Carolina was the best in its history. I am also glad to state that the Flat River Association makes this year its best report on this work.

Since last Association three new societies have been organized and much life given the old societies. This makes, perhaps, only seventeen societies for thirty-five churches. You observe then that while we make our best report this year it is very meagre to what it should be. There should be thirty-five societies in this body of churches, live, wide-awake and progressive.

We commend this work, first, to our pastors, and beg them to foster this part of our Lord's work more patiently, persistently and energetically. We also admonish our brethren to lend all possible help to this work by encouraging the women, having the women of your own homes to join, and by opening the way for them to easily obtain their dues.

We furthermore commend this field of work to our women as the most fertile and inviting of all for the expenditure of their energy and the utilization of their talents.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. Watkins,
For Committee.

Discussed by the author, Pace, Downey, Street, Sherwood, Gordon. Adopted.

On motion, the Association will adjourn to the arbor Wednesday evening to hold its session, and give up the church to the ladies, for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Missionary Society for the Association.

Ministerial Relief Report.

Surely it is apparent to every intelligent, thoughtful mind that there is no class of persons among us whose work, educational, moral and religious, is so valuable as that of preachers. It is equally apparent that there is no class of persons so poorly paid, in proportion to the value and amount of their work, as preachers. Farmers, mechanics, business men, many of them, make a comfortable living, and not a few of them are able to lay by in store enough to take care of them in times of sickness and old age. But I do not know a preacher whose salary has given him a dollar more than a scanty living; many of them have had a life-long struggle with poverty and want. It is true that a few preachers have some property, but they did not get it by preaching; it came to them by inheritance or marriage, or by them giving part of their time to secular employment. It is a rare thing to find a country, or a village preacher, whose salary has enabled him to lay by a dollar for the infirmities of old age. This creates a pressing demand for the noble work of the Ministers Relief Board. To-day we have in North Carolina about twenty-five God-given preachers who have worn out their lives serving God and their fellow-men, who, with their aged wives, are knowing, day by day, what it is to lack for the common comforts of life. By reason

of age they are turned down as preachers; they are unable to do manual labor. These noble men need our sympathy, our words of cheer, and enough of our money to make them comfortable until God takes them to their reward in heaven. J. A. STRADLEY.

Discussed by E. S. Pierce, Marsh, Hobgood, Parham. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We have much reason to be grateful to God for the great progress that is being made by temperance. In order to thoroughly eradicate intemperance the making, selling, and most especially the use of intoxicating liquor, as a beverage, must be made disreputable. In order to accomplish this Christians should never use it as a beverage, and in every lawful way should discountenance the making and selling of it as such. P. H. FONTAINE.

Discussed by the author, Sherwood, Hobgood. On motion, the question is postponed until Wednesday morning.

Committee on Order of Business make a final report, which is adopted.

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:00—2:30.—Miscellaneous Business.
2:30—3:30.—Woman's Work.
3:30—4:00.—Ministerial Relief.
4:00—4:30.—Temperance.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

9:30—10:00.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—11:00.—State Missions.
11:00—11:45.—Education, General and Ministerial.
11:45—12:30.—Foreign Missions.
12:30—1:00.—Home Missions.

SECOND DAY—EVENING.

2:00—2:30.—Digest of Church Letters.
2:30—3:30.—Sunday Schools.
3:30—4:00.—Orphanage.
4:00—4:30.—Perodicals.

THIRD DAY.

9:30—10:00.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—10:30.—Family Prayer.
10:30—11:00.—Singing.
11:00—12:00.—Miscellaneous.

Adjournment. Prayer.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by B. D. Thames.

Report on Temperance amended as follows, by F. P. Hobgood.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association it is detrimental to a Christian's reputation and character to be connected in any way with a dispensary, and we advise our brethren not to serve on boards of managers or as salesmen.

Further discussed by Hobgood and Sherwood. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Missionary Baptists are of necessity interested in mission work. This report has to do with the part which we call State Missions. State Missions refers to mission work in our own State—the work of supplying the preaching of the Gospel in sections of our State where the Gospel is not now preached by Baptists, helping weak churches at important points in paying the salaries of their pastors, building up the Sunday school work in the State, and supporting two evangelists, one for the eastern and one for the western section of the State.

For the last few years church-building has been a feature of the work, and it is gratifying to note the increased number of good houses of worship. We note too, with pleasure, the general progress of the work. The last conventional year shows on the field: 350 churches and 124 out stations supplied: 2,114 baptisms, 322 Sunday schools, and a total contribution to all objects of $52,924.75. Is it too much to expect $40,000 for this work this year.

Public speakers and writers frequently mention with pride the beauty of North Carolina's landscape, the grandeur of her mountains, the fertility of her soil, the power of her streams, and the possibilities of her resources. They boast of the manhood of her sons and the womanhood of her daughters. They become enthusiastic over her glorious deeds of by-gone days. So much so that we have come to think "that to be a North Carolinian is to be one of the noble, brave and free." While we rejoice that we have so much historical greatness and natural resources, may we not, under God's direction, push this great work in this great State until we shall have the abundant life, which Jesus came to the world to bring, abounding from mountain top to seashore, making all her sons and daughters truly "noble, brave and free."

A. C. SHERWOOD.

Discussed by the author and L. Johnson. F. P. Hobgood offers the following as an amendment:

Resolved, That this Association undertake to raise $1,000 during the next year for State Missions.

Further discussed by Marsh, Watkins, Stradley, Street. Adopted as amended.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is cause for profound gratitude that our educational interests, private, denominational and State, are in a flourishing condition. During the past associational year the State has increased generally the public school term, and has raised the salaries of the teachers, thereby receiving a higher grade of teaching. The State has fostered also the establishment of high schools in many counties that had voted taxes for the support of these. We consider this a step in advance.

We are glad to report the successful administration of the affairs of W. F. College by President Poteat. The enrollment reached last session the highest point ever reached; and to accommodate the increasing patronage the trustees in a meeting last Monday took steps for the erection as soon as possible of a dormitory building that will furnish rooms for more than two hundred students.

The Baptist University for Women continues on its successful career. The same thing may be said of Oxford Seminary, located in the midst of this Association. This school has been an important factor in the development of this Association. It is offering better advantages than ever before, and it is enjoying a more liberal patronage.

The Education Board of W. F. College aided last year about eighty

ministerial students. These are provided with rooms, board, and have no tuition fees to pay—nothing except a matriculation fee of $25.

Since our last meeting the Board does not allow sums collected on their fields to be credited on their indebtedness; which has been the case heretofore. Very few of those who have received this aid return to the Board the sums expended on them. This we believe the Board should insist firmly on their doing.

The churches of this Association contributed last year the small sum of $111.15. We believe that if our brethren could see that the Board is earnestly insisting upon returns of money spent on the young ministers, they would contribute more liberally to the support of this work. It seems to us that it would be wise for this Board to report annually to the Baptist State Convention the aggregate sums repaid by the young ministers.

F. P. Hobgood, *Chairman.*

Discussed by the author, Pace, Watkins, Sherwood, Hobgood. Adopted.

Prof. H. G. Noffsinger, of Chase City, Va., recognized and welcomed.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The report of Secretary Willingham, made to the Convention that met in Richmond last May, was full, hopeful and exceedingly encouraging. It showed the most satisfactory and successful work of all the sixty-two years of the past history of the Southern Baptist Convention. The field occupied by us is not exactly the "*whole world*," but we are looking and planning that way. Already we have 500 laborers, natives and foreign, working in South America, Italy, China, Japan, Africa and Mexico. They report 2,239 baptisms for the year, and a total membership in the churches of 14,437. We have also, in co-operation with them, 108 schools, 7 theological seminaries, printing presses of a capacity of millions of pages, and 12 medical missionaries. In heathen lands the Christian hospital is known as the "Jesus Station" and is a mighty power in opening heathen doors and hearts.

Our contributions were $403,811, nearly $100,000 in excess of the previous year. Of this amount North Carolina contributed $30,481, and our Association $1,453.39.

The expenses of the Board in Richmond, including what was paid for woman's work, for interest on borrowed money, and for the cost of collections in the various States, amounted to about nine cents in the dollar—over ninety cents in the dollar went to the missionaries.

During the year 22 new missionaries were added to the preaching force, and since the Convention in May our beloved brother, D. W. Herring, has been added to the list of Board Missionaries.

Two new secretaries were found necessary for the growing work at Richmond. These are Rev. T. B. Ray, as Educational Secretary, and Rev. S. J. Porter, as Field Secretary.

Dr. Willingham says in his report: "Both in the home land and on the foreign field there has been much to encourage and strengthen. Our people in this country have become more interested. They are reading and thinking and talking more about missions. They are praying and giving more for missions. A large number of our young people are giving themselves to missions. Some are ready, others are preparing to go. A new era is on us. Great financial prosperity makes us more able to give and increases our responsibility."

In conclusion, we would emphasize the basis on which world-wide missions rest. Foreign Missions is founded:

1. On Divine Revelation. Eph. 3:3: "By revelation he made known unto me the mystery; * * * which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel."

Rom. 1:16: "To the Jew first, and *also* to the Gentile."

Acts 10:28: Peter said, "God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. * * * Of a truth I perceive (34 and 35) that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

1 Thess. 2:15-16: "They (Jews) please not God and are *contrary* to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to *fill up their sins always;* for the *wrath* is come upon them to the uttermost."

Matt. 28:18-20: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

John 20:21: "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

2. World-wide Missions rest on God's Covenant. Gen. 22:18: "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

Ps. 2:8: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

3. Missions is based on the example of Christ and the Apostles.

Jno. 10:16: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring * * * one fold and one shepherd."

Rom. 1:14-16: "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, *and* also to the Greek."

Nine of the Epistles were written to Heathen Churches!

4. The special presence and blessing of Jesus is upon the "going": "Lo, I am with you, etc."

5. The spread of the Gospel is the leading object and design of Christian life and church work: "We are saved to serve."

Is. 54:2-3: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes: For there shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." * * * "The (5) God of the whole earth shall he be called."

None but a Christian missionary can pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

1 Tim. 2:1-4: "I exhort, therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men: For kings and for all that are in authority: that we (not they) may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour: who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

"The Spirit and the *bride say* (not ought to) come;" must *go* to say "Come."

6. The heathen need, badly need, the Gospel, for time and eternity. Religion, education and freedom go hand in hand.

Prov. 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation."

But: The heathen are in a *lost condition.*

Eph. 2:11-14: "At that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, *having no hope,* and without God in the world."

Acts 26:17, 18: "The Gentiles, unto whom I now send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the *power*

of *Satan* unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and *inheritance* among them which are sanctified by faith in me."

Rom. 1:20: "So that they are without excuse."

Rom. 3:19: That every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become (appear) guilty before God."

Rom. 2:10-16: "To the Jew first, and also to the Gentile. * * * For as many as have sinned without (written) law *shall* also *perish* without law; and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; * * * In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."

Ps. 9:17: "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God."

So, from the highest possible considerations, we are under the most solemn obligations to foster and encourage Foreign Missions by our sympathy, our prayers, our words and our contributions. To this work we are committed as individual Christians, as churches and as an Association.

Discussed by the author. Adopted.

Committee on Obituaries.—J. A. Stradley, F. P. Hobgood, T. W. Hart.

J. A. Beam, of Pilot Mountain Association, responds to invitation to visitors.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

	1907	1906	Gain.	Loss.
Baptized	311	228	83	
By Letter	125	186		61
Restored	35	31	4	
Dismissed	228	256		28
Excluded	53		53	
Died	54	54		
Total membership	4,638	4,782		144
Gain	312			
BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS—				
State Missions	$815.22	$695.43	$116.97	
Home Missions	547.15	525.55	19.11	
Foreign Missions	1,458.43	1,322.73	130.66	
Sunday School Missions	61.17	62.80		$1.63
Orphanage	858.53	1,018.23		165.03
Ministerial Education	111.15	111.63		.48
Ministerial Relief	219.57	78.18	141.39	
Total	4,071.22	3,814.55	240.99	
LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS—				
Pastor's Salaries	6,384.80	5,848.25	536.55	
Building and Repairing	2,152.68	5,476.03		3,323.25
Incidentals	946.64	628.39	318.25	
Sunday School Expenses	351.48	324.96	26.52	
Poor	160.65	200.53		39.88
Other Objects	434.66	1,328.27		893.61
Minute	48.22			
Total	10,479.13	13,806.43		3,327.90
Grand total	14,550.35	17,620.98		3,086.91
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—				
Number Officers and Teachers	225			
Number Scholars	2,176			
Number Schools	38			
No. Quarterlies and papers taken	2,914			
Average No. months kept open	9			
Average attendance	1,478			
Number baptisms from school	112			
Total number scholars	2,401	2,722		

Value Church Property, $51,400.
Seating capacity, 12,325.

Read and adopted.

On motion, the regular order of business is suspended, and the report on Home Missions read, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board for the year ending April 30, 1907, was planned on a basis of fifty per cent increase over the preceding year.

This marked enlargement was an expression of the faith of our Southern Baptist brotherhood, and has been fully justified by the gracious blessing of God upon our work. Through the labors of our missionaries there have been 18,798 additions by baptism, 271 churches constituted and 703 Sunday schools organized.

The receipts of the Board were the largest in its history for any one year. The sum of $231,834.03 was received from the churches and from miscellaneous sources, making an increase of $55,422.93 over last year.

It was with sincere regret that the Board was compelled to report a debt of $7,440.45.

It is just to say that the women of the South, through their societies and bands, contributed $47,025.52.

We deem it proper in this report to call attention to the Department of Evangelism, which in a certain sense is a new movement, and in another is more than 40 years old. This work has been faithfully prosecuted for about eight months preceding May 1st, and as a partial result 699 have been received for baptism. While the work has been very successful, and the promise of this agency is very encouraging, there is danger that trouble will arise in towns and cities where several churches unite in the meeting, and where credit is given to only one church for contributions received by the evangelists.

The Church Building Loan Fund is steadily growing and promises to do much for the relief of our poor churches. The amount loaned last year to struggling churches which needed new houses of worship was $11,350.

The work of the Board among the negroes has made some progress. The task is delicate and difficult and the Board has shown admirable conservatism and caution. The present plan is to work in co-operation with the Home Board of the National Baptist Convention.

The negro Baptists have given gratifying evidence of confidence in the plans and management of the Boards, and of a desire to do what is right in co-operating with the white Baptists in improving the moral condition of the negro race in the South.

The conditions in Cuba have not been favorable on account of political disturbances. The trial at self-government proved a failure and the United States government promptly intervened to quell the turbulence of the agitation.

The outlook is hopeful despite the unsettled condition of affairs. There is among the people a spirit of revival, and the membership of the churches is improving in quality. A. B. DUNAWAY.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.—W. G. Averett, D. T. Winston, J. H. Carver.

Adjournment for dinner.

SECOND DAY—EVENING.

W. P. Terry, Colporteur from the Dan River Association, Va., recognized and welcomed.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

This Association of 34 churches has a total membership of 4,782; in schools, 2,722; out of schools, 2,060.

After proper allowance is made for unregenerated members it is safe to say from one-half to two-thirds of our membership are not attending the Sunday schools at all, only one church reporting two schools, one church without a school.

Your Committee beg permission to say that the condition of our Sunday schools is a reflection upon our pastors, in fact, our entire membership. "The chief teacher of the teachers and trainer of the trainers of the Sunday school is the pastor."

Your Committee would advise an Associational Convention annually, to be arranged and carried out by a special committee for the purpose. And would further recommend teachers' meetings, quarterly, in a radius of from four to six miles, in order to equip our teachers for the great work God has given them to do.

Respectfully submitted, T. H. STREET.

Discussed by the author and A. C. Parham. Adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The orphanage fiscal year closed June 15. This has been a year of progress from every standpoint. The work of the institution, while not what we would like it to be, was on a whole an improvement on its predecessors.

The health of the children during the year has been wonderful. Out of the great number we have in charge there has not been a case of serious illness. We have had nothing like a scourge of any kind, and the regular work has not been interrupted for a moment on the account of illness. We can not be grateful enough for the merciful Providence that has guarded the lives and health of those in our Orphanage.

The average attendance this year has been larger than ever before. There are now about 340 children in our Orphanage. This increase in attendance has caused expenses to run a great deal higher. We also know that the cost of living has gone up; hence we need to enlarge our contributions.

There are now about 462 Sunday schools giving monthly collections to the Orphanage; there ought to be a thousand. We would urge every Sunday school to take up a regular monthly collection for our Orphanage; also every church some time during the year to make a thanksgiving offering.

Our efforts have been wonderfully blessed. May we thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted, A. V. JOYNER.

Discussed by the author, Marsh, Parham, Hobgood. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

One of the greatest needs of our people is information about the work of our Master. How can we interest people in the work of our Master who know but little if anything about it? It is impossible. Knowledge is power, and knowledge moves a regenerated people to action. A great

many of our people are doing almost nothing for the cause of Christ because they do not read our religious papers and inform themselves about our work. Some seem to think that the pastor can give all the information needed. This is impossible.

The Biblical Recorder, The North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, The Foreign Mission Journal and our *Home Field* will give the information needed about the work of our Convention. No Baptist home is complete without these papers.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PACE.

Discussed by the author and Sherwood. Adopted.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher report Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1908, time: Mill Creek church the place, and Rev. T. W. Hart the preacher. The report is amended by substituting Mt. Harmony for Mill Creek. Adopted as amended.

Adjournment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by Ben Parham. The Association assembles in regular session. Roll of delegates called and revised. Minutes read and approved.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

Believing, as we do, that all of our help comes from God, we should not hesitate to ask for it through prayer. Every Christian should have family prayer, so their children might know the importance of calling on God daily.

It is very sad to note that so many of we Christians do not thank God for His watchcare over us when the day is over, except in the old worn-out phrase, "Lord have mercy." L. L. HUDSON,
For Committee.

Discussed by Marsh, Street, Gordon, Stradley, Fontaine. Adopted.

Committee fails to report on singing.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received following amounts:

State Missions	$19.97
Home Missions	32.78
Foreign Missions	79.20
Orphanage	36.16
Ministerial Education	7.94
Ministerial Relief	15.97
Minutes Funds	50.49
Minutes Funds, Public Collection	3.85
	$246.36

W. P. WILKINSON,
Treasurer.

Adopted.

Rock Spring and Island Creek churches granted letters of dismission to unite with another Association of like faith and order.

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $20 for services during the year, and the balance of the Minute Fund paid him to be used in printing and distributing as many copies of the Minutes as possible.

Report on Obituaries.

We record with sad hearts, and yet with humble submission to the Divine will, the death of some useful and beloved members of our Association, who have passed away during the last year.

We mention the names of Sister Bettie E. Street, the president of the largest Woman's Missionary Society in the State; of Bro. M. C. Harris, a faithful officer of Amis Chapel church; of Bro. W. T. Eaks, an honored deacon of Mountain Creek church; of Bro. Percy C. Parham, the efficient Superintendent of Tabbs' Creek Sabbath school.

Many others have died, but we have not space to mention them all; but, if God's children, their names are all written in the "Lamb's Book of Life."

J. A. Stradley,
F. P. Hobgood,
G. W. Hart,
Committee.

Adopted.

J. C. Howard's account of $1.40, balance on Minutes for 1906, allowed.

On motion, collection taken to augment the Minute Fund amounting to $4.

Report of Stovall Baptist Sunday school for the term ending July 31, 1907, including the branch school at Oak Grove, Granville Co., N. C.:

Total number of both schools	104
Average attendance	60
Expenses for literature, etc	$9.00

The Association extends a hearty vote of thanks to the church and surrounding community for their kind treatment during this session.

Adjournment. Prayer.

P. H. Fontaine,
Moderator.

J. C. Howard, *Clerk.*

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS. POST OFFICE, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Churches.	Pastor's.	Post-office.	Clerk.	Post-office.	Time of Preaching.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale,R.F.D.2	A. E Garner	Virgilina, Va.	1st Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Antioch	G. A. Harris	South Boston, Va	G. W. Denny	Roxboro, R.F.D. 5	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethel	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale,R.F.D.2	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, R F.D.2	3d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Beulah	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C	T. J. Smith	Oxford, R.F.D. 6	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Bethany	E. G Usry	Oxford, N. C	J. T. Newton	Rougemont, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bullock	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Corinth	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest, N. C.	S. H. Usry	Clay. N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Concord	L. L. Hudson	Wake Forest, N. C.	C. C Currin	Northside, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Creedmoor	A. C. Sherwood	Creedmoor, N. C	W. W. Freeman	Creedmoor, N. C.	
Dexter	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C	E. J. Green	Oxford, N. C.,R.F.D.5	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	R M Currin	Oxford, N. C.,R.F.D.1	4th Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Fellowship	L. L. Hudson	Wake Forest, N. C.	J. D. Cannady	Creedmoor, N. C.	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Florence Avenue	T. W. Hart	Virgilina, Va	R. E. Amis	Virgilina, Va.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale,R,F.D.2	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va.	4th Sun'dy and Saturd'y before.
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	R. W. Badgett	Oxford, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Knapp of Reeds	J. B. Weatherspoon	Durham, N. C.	M. B. Waller	Stem, N. C.,R F.D.1	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Knott's Grove	J. D. Morris	Royal, N. C	S. P. Knott	Oxford, N. C.	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro, N. C.	G. W. Walker	Trilby, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Mt. Zion	J. B. Weatherspoon	Durham, N. C.	R. H O'Briant	Oxford, N. C , R.F.D.1	1st Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Mountain Creek	A. V. Joyner	Wake Forest, N. C.	J. S. Eakes	Oxford, N. C.,R.F.D.7	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Harmony	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va	T K Jones	Rougemont, R.F.D. 4	4th Sunday and Saturd'y before
Oxford	A. B. Dunaway	Oxford, N. C.	W. H. Harrison	Oxford, N. C.	Every Sunday.
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, N. C.	J. H. Keith	Northside, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Olive Branch	J. R. Pace	Oxford, N. C.	J. P. Stovall	Virgilina, Va.,R.F.D 5	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Peace Chapel	A C. Sherwood	Creedmoor, N.C.	W. S. Howell	Kittrell, N. C., R.F.D.2	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Pleasant Grove	A. C. Sherwood	Creedmoor, N.C.	R. O. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Poplar Creek	H. T. Steven	Wake Forest, N. C.	E. C. Parrott	Henderson, R.F.D 5	1st Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Providence	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va	J. E. Perkins	Roxboro, N. C.	3d Saturday before.
Roxboro	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro, N. C.	J. A. Noell	Roxboro, N. C.	2d and 4th Sunday.
Rock Grove	R. H. Jones	Roxboro, R.F.D.5	S. T. Slaughter		
Sharon	J. R. Pace	Oxford, N. C.	H. G. McFarland	Berea, N. C., R. F.D.1	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
State Line	W. L. Kyle	Henderson, N C	J. C. Huff	Soudan, Va	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C	E. M. Hart	Stovall, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Tally Ho	A. C. Sherwood	Creedmoor, N. C.	W. R. Mangum	Oxford, N. C.,R.F.D.6.	1st Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Tabb's Creek	A. B. Dunaway	Oxford. N C	J. L Parham	Oxford, N. C.	

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Churches.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Restoration.	Total.	Lost by Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Total.	Gain or Loss.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Amis Chapel	18	4	2	24	11	----	1	12	G 12	97	108	205
Antioch	9	1	----	10	2	----	2	4	G 6	42	59	101
Bullock	16	8	----	24	1	----	----	1	G 23	31	41	72
Bethel	----	----	1	1	26	8	6	40	L 39	78	104	182
Bethany	1	1	1	3	----	----	----	----	G 3	22	46	68
Beulah	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	13	21	34
Concord	19	2	----	21	4	2	2	8	G 13	50	75	125
Corinth	----	1	----	1	----	----	1	1	------	44	82	126
Creedmoor	5	3	----	8	----	1	----	1	G 7	34	35	66
Dexter	4	6	----	10	----	----	----	----	G 10	14	12	26
Enon	18	6	1	25	9	3	1	13	G 12	76	84	160
Florence Avenue	6	----	----	6	----	----	----	----	G 6	33	54	87
Fellowship	9	3	1	13	3	1	----	4	G 9	46	102	148
Grassy Creek	1	5	----	6	9	2	1	12	L 6	68	112	180
Hesters	18	4	2	24	16	----	----	16	G 8	90	108	198
Island Creek	23	2	1	26	14	----	3	17	G 9	127	155	282
Knapp of Reeds	7	----	----	7	1	4	2	7	------	47	80	127
Knott's Grove	4	2	----	6	7	----	1	8	L 2	32	31	63
Mountain Creek	39	2	11	52	11	4	5	20	G 32	111	162	273
Mount Zion	11	----	----	11	7	1	3	11	------	73	123	196
Mount Harmony	4	----	1	5	----	1	----	1	G 4	15	36	51
Mill Creek	14	4	3	21	12	----	8	20	G 1	110	172	282
Oxford	34	28	1	63	19	1	1	21	G 42	204	236	440
Olive Branch	6	1	1	8	1	2	----	3	G 5	58	60	118
Olive Grove	3	1	----	4	----	----	----	----	G 4	44	66	110
Poplar Creek	3	1	----	4	----	2	1	3	G 1	52	54	106
Pleasant Grove	10	1	1	12	4	1	2	7	G 5	60	92	152
Providence	4	2	3	9	4	4	3	11	L 2	30	71	101
Peace Chapel	8	----	----	8	1	1	----	2	G 6	37	61	98
Rock Spring	5	12	1	18	6	2	1	9	G 9	40	70	110
Roxboro	2	9	----	11	5	----	1	6	G 5	47	81	128
Stovall	9	4	2	15	18	2	1	21	L 6	74	113	187
Sharon	----	1	----	1	1	----	----	1	------	29	43	72
State Line	3	6	2	11	4	5	----	9	G 2	39	60	99
Tabb's Creek	----	3	----	3	----	----	1	1	G 2	8	9	17
Tally Ho	10	5	1	16	36	8	2	46	L 30	64	103	167
Rock Grove	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------	------	11

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Superintendent	Post-office.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Attendance.	Months Kept Open
Amis Chapel	W. T Chandler	Virgilina, Va	7	85	100	70	12
Antioch	G. W. Denny	Roxboro,N.C ,R.F.D. 5	7	60	90	40	9
Bullock	T. A Royster	Bullock, N. C.	7	43	50	25	12
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, R.F.D. 2	12	80	100	38	12
Bethany	L. J. Meadows	Rougemont, N. C.	3	25	34	15	12
Beulah	T. W. Royster	Hargrove, N. C.	6	42	50	42	
Concord	Ralph Currin	Northside, N. C	6	50	50	40	8
Corinth	D. W Eakes	Oxford, N. C , R.F.D.2	8	40	45	30	9
Creedmoor	M. F. Adcock	Creedmoor, N. C.	7	110	120	75	12
Dexter	S. A Green	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D.5	6	74	80	47	12
Enon	W C. Currin	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D.1	9	65	100	72	12
Florence Ave.	J. T. Torian	Virgilina, Va.	5	60	80	40	12
Fellowship	S. A. Cannady	Creedmoor, N. C.					
Grassy Creek	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va., R.F D.1	6	125	125	75	9
Hesters	W T. Blackwell	Oxford, N. C.	10	117	102	50	12
*Island Creek	J. S. Norwood	Williamsboro, N. C.	12	150	175	125	12
Knap of R'ds.	Pervis Tilly	Lyons, N. C.	7	54	77	38	12
Knott's Grove	S. P. Knott	Oxford, N. C.	6	42	48	19	8
Mountain Crk	W J Downey	Oxford, N. C.	8	70	100	53	12
Mt. Zion	J. T. Daniel	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D.1	9	57	125	57	12
Mt. Harmony	J. L. Frazier	Rougemont N. C.	4	30	17	25	6
*Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek, N. C.	15	119	135	75	12
Oxford	W. H. Upchurch	Oxford, N. C.	15	250	500	115	12
Olive Branch							
Olive Grove							
Poplar Creek	J. T. Holloway	Dabney, N. C.	5	10	75	12	12
Pleasa't Grove	J. W. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C.	8	50	75	40	12
Providence	E. H. Gentry	Roxboro, N. C.	5	35	30	25	9
Peace Chapel	J. W. Moss	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D.3	7	62	50	45	9
Rock Spring	B. F. Knott	Clarksville,Va ,RF.D1	8	65	70	50	9
Roxboro	L. D. Veazy	Roxboro, N. C.	3	130	226	63	12
Stovall	No report						
Sharon	H. G. McFarland	Berea, N. C , R.F.D. 1.	4	20	56	15	8
State Line	J. S. Royster	Soudan, Va.	6	36	100	30	6
Tabb's Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford, N. C.	5	30	34	30	12
Tally Ho	Ajax Walters	Oxford, N. C , R F.D.6	7	40	70	22	12
Rock Grove	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro, N. C.	1	40		30	

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Totals.
Amis Chapel	$150.00	$30.00	$39.75	$8.00			$8.00	$33.23		$62.99				$1.50	$336.47
Antioch	130.00			6.89		$5.82	7.66	7.66		6.34			$6.00	2.01	170.35
Bullock	125.00		25.00			5.50	3.90	4.65		12.66	$2.00	$3.10		1.00	379.81
Bethel	200.00		19.00	20.00	$13.00	25.00	10.80	129.23		47.77	100.00	9.20	2.50	2.50	573.00
Bethany						8.31	3.00	6.65	$1.00	6.00				1.00	25.96
Beulah	100.00			2.36		3.00	4.50			3.69				1.00	114.55
Concord	100.00		30.00	8.00	14.00	3.25	5.15	8.50		19.40				1.00	181.85
Corinth	100.00		15.40	3.00		13.10	14.90	29.30		9.00			5.20	1.20	191.10
Creedmoor	200.00		24.50	43.00	15.25	13.54	13.47	18.59		12.95		8.26	4.07	1.20	354.85
Dexter	125.00	700.00	15.00											1.00	841.00
Enon	200.00	2.50	6.18			37.26	30.38	54.40	6.31	79.65	11.45	10.52	25.18	1.75	516.68
Florence Avenue	150.00	200.00	18.00	25.00	2.00	14.54	12.96	15.73	4.72	6.29	4.77	5.37		1.50	460.88
Fellowship	125.00	90.00		8.00		8.25	2.15	6.06		6.35		1.92		.50	244.18
Grassy Creek	150.00			10.00		12.61	3.43	17.38		19.82		3.12		.75	217.11
Hesters	200.00	170 00	20.00	2.67		13.44	9.25	11.00		24.15	4.00	7.50	15.27	2.00	477.28
Island Creek	200.00		25.37		6.26	46.76	19.02	129.85	10.00	10.80	3.62	2.80	8.76	1.50	462.74
Knapp of Reeds	150.00		32.85	6.40	22.50	11.00	9.05	14.05		26.93	2.10	3.00		1.50	279.38
Knott's Grove	100.00	23.50	21.00	3.33		15.00	10.00	15.00		10.00		3.75		1.50	203.08
Mountain Creek	300.00		16.00			33.30	9.50	40.50		40.51			8.00	1.20	439.81
Mount Zion	173.65	12.50	15.50	5.30		26.51	30.52	39.43	1.10	47.05	6.51	11.71	25.35	1.50	395.43
Mount Harmony	60.00			1.00		1.00	1.00			3.00				.55	66.55
Mill Creek	250.00	1.05	78.55	17.09	44.00	75.00	54.00	260.00	16.40	77.62	43.00	13.00	2.62	2.11	932.33
Oxford	1,350.00	60.15	300.00	100.00	10.33	123.71	195.16	220.43	5.45	156.11	7.42	14.39	200.00	5.00	2,743.15
Olive Branch	86.15	15.00				5.00	3.37	1.64	5.90				3.36	1.25	110.42
Olive Grove	100.00					2.82	2.49	5.04		5.33				.60	116.28
Poplar Creek	150.00			6.00		17.74	4.00	41.38	14.19	5.11	3.16		77.50	1.25	320.30
Pleasant Grove	125.00		20.00	5.00		8.00	3.52	4.55		5.50	3.00	3.00	28.25	1.40	205.82
Providence	100.00		12.00		7.00								25.00	1.50	144.00
Peace Chapel	125.00		1.50	3.73		3.00	3.04	3.85		7.43	3.54	2.10		1.50	152.09
Rock Spring	150.00	110.85	38.00	6.30		8.50	41.90	51.15		14.22		3.74			424.66
Roxboro	450.00	645.00	100.00	41.46		40.00	25.00	50.00	5.00	93.00	15.00	5.00		2.00	1,471.46
Rock Grove															
Stovall	150.00	13.25	20.00			9.50	9.44	30.00		7.60			31.78	1.50	273.07
Sharon	60.00			1.45		3.23	1.95	2.00		2.09		1.59	5.00	.70	77.31
State Line	125.00		12.75	6.50	15.00	2.25		4.40	2.00	4 43		10.00		2.00	184.33
Tabb's Creek	100.00	93.58		6.50		4.00		4.00		6.75				1.00	215.83
Tally Ho	150.00		29.32	11.10	2.53	8.10	8.10	8.12		24.57	4.58		15.35	1.00	262.95
Slaughter estate						195.16		195.17							390.33
Total	6,384.80	2,152.68	946.64	351.48	160.65	815.22	547.15	1,458.43	61.17	858.53	111.15	219.57	434.66	48.22	14,550.35

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DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions, J. M. Phipps.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, J. G. Blalock.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: F. P. Hobgood, C. P. Ryland, and J. R. Pace.

Executive Board: Messrs. T. H. Street, J. C. Howard, and Milton Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. J. K. Faulkner.....Buffalo Junction, Va.
Rev. G. A. Harris*.....South Boston, Va.
Rev. J. G. Blalock.....Oxford, N. C.
Rev. F. D. King*.....Jonesboro, N. C.
Rev. C. P. Ryland.....Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. T. C. Singleton.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. K. W. Hogan.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. P. H. Fontaine.....Woodsdale, R. 2, N. C.
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Rev. R. H. Marsh.....Oxford, N. C.
Rev. H. T. Stevens.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. L. L. Hudson*.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. T. W. Hart.....Virgilina, Va.
Rev. J. H. Gordon.....Averett, Va.
Rev. A. B. Dunaway*.....Oxford, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Atkinson*.....Neuse, N. C.
Rev. J. R. Pace.....Oxford, N. C.
W. L. Kyle*.....Henderson, N. C.

*Absent.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. R. H. Jones.....Roxboro, R. 5, N. C.
Rev. R. I. Devin.....Oxford, N. C.
Rev. E. G. Usry.....Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—A. B. Dunaway.
State Missions—J. G. Blalock.
Home Missions—J. K. Faulkner.
Periodicals—B. F. Hester.
Education—R. H. Marsh
Orphanage—F. P. Hobgood.
Temperance—K. W. Hogan.
Sunday Schools—J. H. Gordon.
Ministerial Relief—J. A. Noell.
Woman's Work—T. H. Street.
Family Prayer—J. A. Stradley.
Singing—M. Blalock.
Obituaries—J. R. Pace, A. H. Garner, R. H. Jones.

PROCEEDINGS.

Mount Hominy Church,
Rougemont, R. 4, N. C., July 14-16, 1908.

The Association meets in regular session with this church in its one hundredth and fifteenth annual session. According to appointment, Rev. T. W. Hart preached the introductory sermon. Subject: "Give ye them to eat."

The Association goes into election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of P. H. Fontaine, Moderator; J. C. Howard, Clerk, and W. P. Wilkinson, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren—none.

New pastors—C. P. Ryland, J. G. Blalock, K. W. Hogan, and J. K. Faulkner, recognized and welcomed.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assambles. Devotional exercises.

Committee on Order of Business make report, which is adopted.

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Afternoon.

2:00—2:30.—Miscellaneous Business.
2:30—3:30.—Periodicals.
3:30—4:00.—Ministerial Relief.
4:00—4:30.—Temperance.

Second Day—Morning.

9:30—10:00.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—11:00.—State Missions.
11:00—11:45.—Education, General, and Ministerial.
11:45—12:30.—Foreign Missions.
12:30— 1:00.—Home Missions.

Second Day—Evening.

2:00—2:30.—Digest of Church Letters.
2:30—3:30.—Sunday Schools.
3:30—4:00.—Orphanage.
4:00—4:30.—Woman's Work.

Third Day.

9:30—10:00.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—10:30.—Family Prayer.
10:30—11:00.—Singing.
11:00—12:00.—Miscellaneous.
Adjournment. Prayer.

J. G. BLALOCK,
B. F. HESTER,
GEO. W. DENNY,
Committee.

Miscellaneous discussion of the state of the churches by delegates from various churches.

Report on Periodicals read by J. G. Blalock.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The press of to-day is a mighty factor in moulding public opinion and in bringing results to pass—more mighty than the sword and the modern engines of war. Of the American newspapers, the German Emperor bade his son beware, for "they are," said he, "more powerful than my army."

Every powerful agency should be used for the most in the advancement of the Kingdom of God, and our Baptist people should lay new emphasis upon this.

The growth of the Baptist cause in North Carolina has been in proportion to the progress and power of our denominational papers. As they have increased in circulation and influence the denomination has grown in numbers and enlarged its work. **Information must precede interest and interest must precede activity.** The development of the various objects of the denomination demands a sympathetic interest which only comes from an intelligent grasp of these objects. To furnish this information and create this interest is the work of the denominational paper. Our Baptist fathers seeing this, founded the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Convention. Since our last session the North Carolina Baptist has been merged into the Recorder and others have retired from the field. The Recorder is now under the control of the Convention as never before, and our people should all support it. We can not keep abreast with our work without it.

We also commend Charity and Children, the organ of our Orphanage. This is, as far as we know, the best dollar paper in the world. Let every Sunday-school take a club for distribution.

The Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and the literature of our Sunday School Board should be liberally supported.

J. G. BLALOCK, Committee.

Discussed by the author, J. C. Howard, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Stradley, P. H. Fontaine, J. R. Pace, A. C. Parham. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

As our religion is based upon love and God so loved the world as to give His Son, so we, as His followers, should so love our aged and infirm ministers as to annually contribute of our means to the dear old men of God who have worn themselves out in the service of God, not only helping them, but as a stimulus to our active young ministers to a more active and self-sacrificing service in God's name.

T. H. STREET,
Committee.

Discussed by T. H. Street, H. T. Stevens, and M. Blalock. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

I have lived to be an old man, and have never used one drop of intoxicating liquors, either in sickness or health. I know they can be done without. In view of the above fact, and in view of the additional fact that the liquor traffic is the most fruitful source of poverty, ignorance, crime, disgrace, and suffering, therefore all people should abstain from the use of intoxicants and unite to banish the liquor traffic from the face of the earth.

J. A. STRADLEY.

Discussed by the author, Fontaine, Pace, Hogan. Adopted. Adjournment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Faulkner. Recognized visitor, W. F. Pittard, Concord Association, of Virginia. The time having arrived as per Order of Business, the Association re-enters into the regular work.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God. A dreadful condition! To save man from the fruits of his folly, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have everlasting life. But an unknown remedy would profit nothing. How could they believe on Him of whom they have not heard, and how could they hear without a preacher?

So on the eve of His ascension the Master gave to His own servants His goods—talents—to each according to his several ability, and said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Does not this mean that every Christian, through all the ages to the end of time, is to be an ambassador in Christ's stead to persuade men to be reconciled to God? All the world includes North Carolina, every county, township, neighborhood—even every individual of every family in the State. There are some almost entire counties and many neighborhoods in all the counties, which are destitute of preaching. Then there are individuals, your neighbors and friends, possibly members of your own family, who are not saved. The fields are white already unto the harvest. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest while you are doing what you can gathering fruit unto eternal life. Failing in this, have we any assurance of sharing in the rejoicing with the sowers and reapers, the Master having given us the benediction, "Well done?"

B. F. HESTER, Committee.

Discussed by the author, and Pace.

At this juncture L. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, arrived and took possession of the subject.

Visiting brethren: E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary; Dr. J. H. Gorrell, of Wake Forest College; J. A. Beam, T. S. Crutchfield from the Thomasville Orphanage.

Report on State Missions adopted.

On motion, Association will adjourn after dinner to the arbor, giving the church up to the W. M. S. for thirty minutes.

REPORT ON EDUCATION—GENERAL AND MINISTERIAL.

Last year there were seventy-five young ministers at Wake Forest, sixty of whom were aided for all, or a part, of the session. Some of these paid their own way for awhile until they could go no further, and then called on the Board for assistance. The maximum amount allowed any student is $9.00 per month. The allowance per student ranges from $75.00 to $80.00 a year. The amount expended for the Convention year ending with our last Convention was $4,038.92.

In addition to this work at Wake Forest it was agreed at the last Convention to combine the work of raising and distributing the funds necessary for North Carolina beneficiaries pursuing a course in our Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We had thirty men there last session. For both objects we ought to raise $6,000.

The last Convention also adopted this resolution:

"Resolved, That this Convention instruct the Board of Education to make no requirement, expressed or implied, of ministerial students to pay back, as a debt, the money appropriated for their benefit while students at Wake Forest College or at the Theological Seminary."

Sixteen of the young ministers at Wake Forest preach to churches, but the Board does not aid any one who has the care of more than one church. We owe about $700 on the board of our students to the Seminary. To meet this pledge and continue our work at the present rate, will require increased contributions for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, R. M. MARSH,
Charman.

Discussed by Dr. J. H. Gorrell, C. P. Ryland, Hobgood, and Beam. Adopted.

On motion, ten minutes more is allowed to discuss the subject of Education. J. G. Blalock makes a plea for **Ministerial** Education.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In solemn and profound recognition of Him in whose great and loving heart the foreign movement had its origin, and in the name of Him, who by His own life's precepts and examples

laid the broad and deep foundation for world-wide evangelization, we cheerfully submit this the annual report on Foreign Missions. Under the blessing of God, the efficient labors of our missionaries on the foreign field are being crowned with abundant success.

Among the most effective agencies now being used by our missionaries are the printing of religious literature, the preaching of the Word, personal work, teaching, medical attention, and treatment. Through these agencies the Gospel of God's Son is wedging its way into the hearts and lives of those who are without God and without hope in the world.

Baptists have one hundred and twenty-eight schools on the foreign field, in which one thousand three hundred and ninety-four pupils are being trained and taught to love God and to know His will. There is no method for computing the value that will accrue from our well-conducted schools. We also have eight Theological Seminaries, in which one hundred and forty are being prepared to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their native tongue.

Notwithstanding all that has been done, and is now being done, there is pressing need for more schools, more chapels, more hospitals, and more missionaries. Our present century opened with about eight hundred and fifty millions of people who knew not God, nor Christ.

The needs upon the foreign field are simply unanswerable, and our responsibility is enormous. The doctrine of Foreign Missions as set forth by the Word of God, is so clear, so forceful, and so comprehensive that no right thinking person can oppose it, and so plain that a way-faring man, even though he be all that the Bible says of him, need not enter therein.

It is the sincere desire of your committee to see the churches of this time-honored and God-favored Association make a more marked advance in its annual contributions to the cause and work of Foreign Missions during the coming year than ever before in its history. This must be done if we are to see the Kingdom come and the will of the Lord done on earth as it is in Heaven. (Signed) C. P. RYLAND.

Read and discussed by C. P. Ryland, and others. Adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our churches are conducting this department of missions in a co-oporative way through the agency of the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention located at Atlanta, Ga. The work is called "Home Missions," as our Southern churches consider the field occupied by the Southern States, the Indians and the Cubans as our home field in a special sense. Here we recognize our opportunity and our obligations to the Master in "beginning at Jerusalem." The stranger within our gates and our own State Mission are largely dependent upon the help and efficiency of this Board. In view of the growing necessity and splendid re-

sults of this work, the work itself is demanding much larger and more frequent support from our beloved brethren and sisters everywhere. Knowing the worthiness of the cause as we do, we hereby recommend it to all the good people of the land, praying that there may be a greater good yet to come forth from the work of the Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. GORDON,
Committee.

Read and discussed by J. H. Gordon, L. Johnson, and Hobgood. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER REPORT.

Place, Tally Ho Church. Time, Tuesday after second Sunday in October. Preacher, Rev. C. P. Ryland, Roxboro, N. C.

W. P. WILKINSON,
J. M. PHIPPS,
T. H. STREET,
Committee.

Amended by striking out the time and inserting the present time of meeting.

On motion, report is tabled until afternoon.

Adjournment.

SECOND DAY—EVENING.

Report on Digest of Church Letters (for this report, see tables in back of this pamphlet) read, and a vote of thanks extended to the committee for their faithful work on this report.

This report discussed by Parham and Stevens.

On motion, hereafter the Digest of Letters shall be a digest of each letter separately. Report adopted

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received the following amounts:

Minutes	$44.26
Foreign Missions	82.84
Home Missions	48.55
State Missions	21.30
Ministerial Education	20.44
Ministerial Relief	17.27
Orphanage	55.30
Sunday School Missions	3.65
Total	$293.61

Paid J. C. Howard for services and printing Minutes and stationary, $44.26. Balance on hand, $249.35.

W. P. WILKINSON, Treasurer.

Adopted and directed to forward funds belonging to Convention to Walters Durham, State Treasurer.

On motion, Report on Time, Place, and Preacher taken from table and discussed and adopted as amended by a vote of 34 to 17.

On motion, the next session will meet at 10 o'clock, and have devotional exercises for one-half hour: then organize, and then have the sermon.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Resolved, That in view of the transcendent importance of the Sunday-school, we recommend and emphasize—

(1) That in each and every congregation the institution be ever green.

(2) That in organization there be superintendents best suited to lead, teachers qualified to instruct, prepared on the lesson in hand and punctual in attendance on the classes.

(3) That in its claims every family be represented, and that every member of the church be in the Sunday-school.

(4) That this Association hold, during the next year, at least one Sunday School Convention, and, as far as possible, local Sunday-school rallies.

(5) That this Association appoint a Sunday-school leader to co-operate with the Sunday School Secretary.

J. K. FAULKNER.

Discussed by J. K. Faulkner, E. L. Middleton, and J. A. Beam. Adopted.

In accordance with recommendation of report, T. H. Street was appointed as Sunday-school Leader.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to report the year just closed as the best in the history of the Orphanage. The health of the officers and children has been unusually good, no epidemic having invaded them, which happy state of things is due in large measure to our almost perfect sanitary arrangements. Our water-works system has proved a great blessing to us. The Trustees found school work and all interior affairs all that could be desired. We have now an excellent graded school. While receiving their education, our children are taught to work, some on the farm, some in the garden, and some at the dairy, while our girls sew, cook, keep house, and do laundrying. Our General Manager is clamoring for facilities for teaching our boys and girls, too, some useful trades.

Many of the children during the year have been regenerated, we trust, and many have connected themselves with the church. They are surely most carefully taught in spiritual things; otherwise, our Orphanage would not be fulfilling its highest purposes.

We have been able to care for an average of 363 children.

The hospital so sorely needed is nearing completion. It is well-nigh perfect in all its appointments, and will cost about $12,000 when completed. We need a few thousand dollars to finish and equip it. The Trustees directed the General Manager to have the Simmons Nursery remodeled and enlarged in such way as to reflect credit on the memory of Bro. Dennis Simmons, who gave to the Orphanage the magnificent sum of $100,000. Think, brethren, what this man, though dead, is doing for his own hind. His gift is housing, clothing, feeding, and teaching intellectually and religiously about seventy children, and will continue to do so till Gabriel shall blow his trumpet.

The Trustees also ordered the General Manager to install electric power instead of steam for running all our machinery, and for lighting our grounds and buildings.

We have an excellent farm of 400 acres of land adapted to the growth of corn, wheat, vegetables, and the small fruits. We have the most improved implements for farming. We have an experienced and scientific gardener who is supplying our tables with an abundance of vegetables. We have a splendid herd of Jersey and Holstein cows, and during the year we have built a silo for keeping green food. We have a fine lot of hogs.

Our shoe-shop is valuable to us.

Our Orphanage paper, Charity and Children, is printed in our own office, which does much job work printing also. The net profits from both sources is nearly $2,000.

We urge upon our brethren continued liberal and systematic giving to this great charity, the noblest that we have—a charity that has had from the beginning the Divine favor resting on it in a marked degree.

Read by F. B. Hobgood. Discussed by the author, and Crutchfield.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman was an active agent in the fall, and she is becoming more and more an efficient helper in the work of redemption. Her quick eye has seen the destitution and degradation that abound, and her loving heart has responded to the appeals for help.

The Minutes of the last Convention show that the women of North Carolina, including Woman's Missionary Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, and Sunbeam Societies, contributed to State, Foreign, and Home Missions nearly $21,000.

We have in the Flat River Association thirty-seven churches and thirty-one Societies, with about seven hundred members. There are several churches with no Society.

While we are gratified that such a large proportion of our churches has these organizations, we can but regret the fact that some of them have them not. Recognizing the great work the women of our Sociation are doing, we urge the churches to

encourage them in their efforts to extend the Kingdom of our Lord. A. B. DUNAWAY.

Ladies had meeting to discuss same. Adopted.

Standing Committee appointed by Moderator. See page 4.

Adjournment. Dismissed with prayer.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. A. Beam.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

David said: "Morning, noon, and night will I pray." He was a man after God's own heart. Truly, then, it may be said that prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the soul's sincere desire. The Bible teaches us that men ought always to pray and not faint. And while we are given no specific command as to family prayer, yet we regard this important duty as essential to home religion.

Respectfully submitted, A. C. PARHAM.

Read. Discussed by A. H. Garner, J. H. Gordon. Adopted.

No report on Church Music. Discussion of same taken up by Pace, Stradley, Beam, and others.

Resolution on the above subject.

There being no report on Church Music, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Association urge the delegates to urge their several churches to give the matter of Church Music special attention during the coming year, and make good the effort at the next meeting of this body."

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We call to our minds some of the most active members of our Association who have departed from time to the great beyond during the last year.

We refer to Sister Nancy G. Pool, a bright light in Olive Branch Church; to Bro. A. P. Harris, the Treasurer of Amie's Chapel Church; to Bro. S. P. Washington, a prominent deacon in Tally Ho Church, and to Bro. R. W. Hobgood, deacon of Hester Church.

Our dear brethren and sister seemed to realize life's final steps, and as David expressed, "There is but a step between me and death," and our departed friends had made the necessary preparation for taking that step which was not alone, but Jesus the Good Shepherd was with them; so the step of death was not dif-

ficult to take, as Jesus lifted them above death into eternal joy, light, and praise. Let us prepare for taking the final step.

R. H. JONES,
J. W. PHIPPS
J. S. WINFREE.

Adopted.

Minutes read and approved. Roll of delegates called and all absentees marked off.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Amis Chapel—A. H. Garner and J. P. Williams.

Antioch—R. H. Jones, and Geo. W. Denney.

Bethel—C. P. Sandford, Johnnie Fontaine, and A. J. Crutchfiled.

Bullock—R. A. Norwood.

Bethany—Walter Cash, A. S. Carrington, and W. W. Copley.

Beulah—G. W. Royster, and W. G. Averette.

Concord—

Corinth—N. W. Pitts, and J. A. Overton.

Dexter—S. A. Green, and J. M. Grissom.

Enon—J. M. Phipps, B. F. Hester, and C. W. Knott.

Florence Avenue—J. S. Winfree, J. S. Pool, and T. W. Hart.

Fellowship—

Grassy Creek—A. J. Yancey, and W. P. Wilkinson.

Hester's—R. D. Brooks, and W. R. Badgett.

Knapp of Reeds—E. H. Veasy.

Knott's Grove—L. D. Knott, J. E. Knott, and W. S. Dean.

Mill Creek—T. H. Street, Z. T. Gentry, and William Wrenn.

Mt. Zion—J. R. Daniel, M. Blalock, and S. R. O'Brian.

Mt. Harmony—Spencer E. Speed, H. O. Eakes, and C. C. Clayton.

Mountain Creek—C. H. Eakes, and Willie Wilkerson.

Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, and J. F. Meadows.

Olive Grove—G. H. Dore, and L. V. Ferrell.

Olive Branch—W. T. Milbourne, and S. P. Gentry.

Pleasant Grove—J. H. Bowling, and G. C. Dickerson.

Peace Chapel—N. B. Dickerson, and W. A. Tippell.

Poplar Creek—

Providence—Horace Buchanan—B. R. Gravitt.

Rock Grove—N. B. Slaughter, A. G. Riley, and S. T. Slaughter.

Roxboro—A. R. Foushee, E. D. Cheek, and J. H. Carver.

Rock Spring—

Sharon—D. W. Knott, and H. G. McFarland.

Stovall—W. H. Cutts, and G. A. Faucett.

Tabb's Creek—A. C. Parham.

Tally Ho—J. E. Duncan, and P. L. Thomasson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, the Clerk is allowed $20 for services, with instructions to use the remainder of the Minute Fund to have printed and distributed to the various churches the proceedings of this meeting.

On motion, the Clerk is instructed to write to churches that failed to report any Minute Fund.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to this church and the good people of this community for their kind hospitality in caring for our Association.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. POOL.

Adopted.

Resolved, That Millington Blalock, J. F. Meadows, and J. E. Duncan be appointed a committee to raise the necessary amount and purchase a tent to be used for preaching in at the sessions of the Association, for the Woman's Missionary Society to meet in, and for such other purposes as the Association may wish.

Adopted.

Immediately after this action, each of the following delegates vouched for the amounts opposite their names to be raised and forwarded to the committee to buy a tent as mentioned in the above resolution.

P. H. Fontaine, four churches	$30.00
J. M. Phipps, Enon	10.00
J. F. Meadows, Oxford	10.00
M. Blalock, Mt. Zion	5.00
C. H. Tapp, Antioch	4.00
J. H. Bowling, Pleasant Grove	5.00
J. H. Gordon, four churches	10.00

The other churches will be given an opportunity to contribute through the committee.

On motion, a special collection was taken amounting to $4.60, to augment the Minute Fund.

J. A. Beam makes a few remarks in behalf of the Laymen's Movement.

Song. Prayer. Adjournment to meet at the time and place aboved-mentioned. P. H. FONTAINE, Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right-hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considerly disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST-OFFICE, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST-OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	A. E. Garner	Virgilina, Va.	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	J. K. Faulkner	Buffalo Junction, Va.	G. W. Denny	Roxboro R. F. D. 5	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethel	P H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Beulah	J. A. Stradley	Oxford N. C.	T. J. Smith	Oxford, R. F. D. 6	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethany	G. A. Harris	South Boston, Va.	J. T. Newton	Rougemont, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bullock	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Corinth	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest, N. C.	S. H. Usry	Clay, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Concord	L. L. Hudson	Wake Forest, N. C.	C. C. Currin	Northside, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Creedmoor	A. C. Sherwood	Creedmoor, N. C.	W. W. Freeman	Creedmoor. N. C.	
Dexter	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	E. J. Green	Oxford, N. C., R. F. D. 5	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	R. M. Currin	Oxford, N. C., R. F. D. 1	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Fellowship	L. L. Hudson	Wake Forest, N. C.	J. D. Canoady	Creedmoor, N. C.	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Florence Avenue	J. G. Blalock	Oxford, N. C.	R. E. Amis	Virgilina, Va.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va.	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N, C.	R. W. Badgett	Oxford, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Island Creek	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest, N. C.	H. T. Schenck	Dabney, N. C., R. 1	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Knapp of Reeds	J, G. Blalock	Oxford, N. C.	E. J. Nance	Stem, N. C., R. F. D. 1.	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Knott's Grove	F. D. King	Jonesboro, N. C.	J. W. Dean	Oxford. N. C. R. 2	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Mill Creek	C. P. Ryland	Roxboro, N. C.	G. W. Walker	Trilby, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Mt. Zion	J. G. Blalock	Oxford, N. C.	R. H. O'Briant	Oxford, N. C., R. F. D. 1	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Mountain Creek	J. G. Blalock	Oxford, N. C.	G. F. Downey	Oxford, N. C., R. F. D. 4	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Harmony	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va.	T. K. Jones	Rougemont, R. F. D. 4.	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Oxford	A. B. Dunaway	Oxford, N. C.	J. B. Powell	Oxford, N. C.	Every Sunday.
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, N. C.	W. H. Keith	Northside, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Olive Branch	J. R. Pace	Oxford, N. C.	J. P. Stovall	Virgilina, Va., R. F. D. 5	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Peace Chapel	T. C. Singleton	Wake Forest, N. C.	W. S. Howell	Kittrell, N. C., R. F. D. 2	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Pleasant Grove	K. W. Hogan	Wake Forest, N. C.	R. O. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Poplar Creek	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest, N. C.	J. L. Capps	Henderson, R. F. D. 5.	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Providence	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va.	J. E. Perkins	Roxboro, N. C.	3d Saturday before.
Roxboro	C. P. Ryland	Roxboro, N. C.	J. A. Noell	Roxboro, N. C.	2d and 4th Sunday.
Rock Grove	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va.	S. T. Slaughter	Roxboro, N. C., R. 2	
Rock Spring	H. T. Stevens	Wake Forest, N. C.	J. E. Owen	Clarksville, Va.	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Sharon	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	H. G. McFarland	Berea, N. C., R. F. D. 1	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
State Line	W. L. Kyle	Henderson, N. C.	T. L. Sizemore	Soudan, Va.	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Stovall	J. A Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	E. M. Hart	Stovall, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Tally Ho			W. R. Mangum	Oxford, N. C., R. F. D. 6	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Tabb's Creek	A B. Dunaway	Oxford, N. C.	J. L. Parham	Oxford, N. C.	

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Restoration.	Total.	Lost by Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Total.	Gain or Loss.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Amis Chapel	----	3	----	3	3	3	3	9	L 6	90	107	197
Antioch	1	2	----	3	7	----	----	7	L 4	42	55	97
Bethel	17	1	2	20	9	2	3	14	G 6	89	99	188
Beulah	14	20	----	34	----	2	----	2	G 32	30	49	79
Bethany	2	----	----	2	5	1	----	6	L 4	18	44	62
Bullock	14	----	----	14	1	----	----	1	G 13	39	47	86
Corinth	9	3	3	15	9	2	1	12	G 3	45	78	123
Concord	5	1	----	6	7	----	1	8	L 2	48	75	123
Dexter	9	14	----	23	2	----	----	2	G 21	20	27	47
Enon	----	13	1	14	15	1	2	18	L 4	75	83	158
Fellowship	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	----	----	----
Florence Avenue	1	3	----	4	----	----	----	----	G 4	34	56	90
Grassy Creek	21	3	4	28	10	1	17	28	------	85	96	181
Hesters	19	10	5	34	15	1	3	19	G 15	105	110	215
Island Creek	17	5	2	24	18	2	7	27	L 3	124	150	274
Knapp of Reeds	14	4	----	18	11	1	1	13	G 5	51	84	135
Knott's Grove	12	3	----	15	----	----	2	2	G 13	37	38	75
Mill Creek	8	2	6	16	9	6	4	19	L 3	115	169	284
Mt. Zion	----	1	3	4	25	----	1	26	L 22	61	115	176
Mt. Harmony	4	----	----	4	----	----	1	1	G 3	15	39	54
Mountain Creek	19	1	1	21	12	3	----	15	G 6	117	157	274
Oxford	32	29	2	63	7	1	----	8	G 55	200	295	495
Olive Grove	----	3	----	3	2	----	2	4	L 1	43	71	114
Olive Branch	5	1	----	6	5	11	6	22	L 16	51	51	102
Peace Chapel	13	3	2	18	4	1	1	6	G 12	46	66	112
Pleasant Grove	6	2	----	8	6	----	3	9	L 1	58	88	146
Poplar Creek	4	2	----	6	1	1	2	4	G 2	47	58	105
Providence	3	----	4	7	1	----	----	1	G 6	33	71	104
Roxboro	5	11	----	16	6	----	1	7	G 9	49	78	127
Rock Grove	4	1	----	5	1	2	----	3	G 2	7	9	16
Rock Spring	12	1	----	13	4	2	3	9	G 4	54	77	131
Sharon	2	----	----	2	----	----	2	2	------	29	44	73
State Line	13	5	3	21	9	1	----	10	G 11	42	50	92
Stovall	11	12	1	24	11	----	----	11	G 13	77	122	199
Tally Ho	7	8	----	15	18	----	3	21	L 6	64	99	163
Tabb's Creek	12	12	----	24	----	----	1	1	G 23	21	21	42
	315	179	39	533	233	44	70	347	G186	2061	2878	4939

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUP'T.	POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Attendance.	Months Kept Open
Amis Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Virgilina, Va	6	120	81	65	12
Antioch	C. H. Topp	Roxboro, R 5, N. C.	7	55	80	35	9
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, N. C.	12	77	90	39	12
Beulah	T. J. Smith	Oxford, R. 6 N. C.	5	65	65	41	12
Bethany	L. J. Meadows	Rougemont, N. C.	2	20	24	10	12
Bullock	J. E. Thomas	Bullock, N. C.	6	49	75	45	12
Corinth	J. A. Overton	Oxford, R. 2, N. C.	7	50	43	30	9
Concord	Ralph Currin	Northside, N. C.	7	70	60	65	12
Dexter	S. A. Green	Oxford, R. 5, N. C.	8	70	70	40	12
Enon	W. C. Currin	Oxford, R. 1, N. C.	9	65	130	69	12
Fellowship	S. A. Cannady	Creedmoor, N. C	5	60	75	40	...
Florence Ave	J. T. Torian	Virgilina, Va.	6	43	80	25	12
Grassy Creek	J. W. Winston	Nelson, R. 1, Va.	6	133	167	75	12
Hester	B. F. Dean	Oxford, R. 4, N. C.	9	93	97	40	12
Knap of Reeds	Pervis Tilley	Bahama, N. C.	7	41	70	38	12
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean	Oxford, R. 2, N. C.	7	38	50	24	12
Mill Creek*	T. H. Street	Mill Creek, N. C.	8	45	50	24	12
Mt. Zion	N. J. Jones	Oxford, R. 1, N. C.	9	75	100	59	12
Mt. Harmony	S. E. Peed	Moriah, R. 1, N. C.	2	28	17	20	6
Mt'n Creek	W. J. Downey	Oxford, R. 7, N. C.	9	75	130	55	12
Oxford	W. H. Upchurch	Oxford, N. C.	17	302	625	150	12
Olive Grove	P. T. Chappell	Northside, N. C.	6	90	96	60	3
Olive Branch							
Peace Chapel	J. W. Moss	Oxford, R. 3, N. C	9	64	58	45	12
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C.	8	57	75	45	9
Poplar Creek	G. W. Wright	Henderson, R. 5, N. C.	6	14	55	13	12
Providence	E. H. Gentry	Roxboro, N. C.	5	81	65	50	9
Roxboro	L. D. Veazey	Roxboro, N. C.	11	125	307	80	12
Rock Grove	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro, R. 2, N. C.	6	62	60	34	12
Rock Spring	B. F. Knott	Clarksville, R. 1, Va.	8	60	75	56	9
Sharon	H. G. McFarland	Berea, R. 1, N. C.	3	25	60	18	9
State Line	J. C. Gresham	Soudan, Va.	6	65	75	35	9
Stovall	G. A. Faucette	Stovall, N. C.	8	70	100	29	12
Tally Ho	A. J. Walters	Oxford, R. 6, N. C.	7	40	75	34	12
Tabb's Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford, R. 3, N. C.	7	50	80	44	12
Island Creek	J. L. Wilson	Dabney R 1, N. C.	12	150	170	100	9
*Two Schools.		Totals	256	2527	3530	1632	369

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary.	Building and Repairing	Incidentals.	S. School Expenses.	Poor	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Totals.
Amis Chapel	$175.00	.....	$ 6.90	$ 4.81	$ 45.10	$ 37.22	$ 27.83	$ 43.54	.....	$ 36.31	.....	.....	$ 2.00	$2.00	$ 380.71
Antioch	150.00	.....	.....	9.00	.....	8.00	8.00	12.58	.....	15 26	4.00	4.00	19.05	2.00	231 89
Bethel	200.00	.....	30.00	12.30	12 .00	30.00	10.00	159 81	.....	106.98	.....	.....	.....	2.50	676.59
Beulah	100.00	$471.00	2 .00	5.00	.....	9.00	7.00	12.55	.....	24.63	.....	1.00	.....	1.50	656.68
Bethany	.....	65.00	15.50	.....	.....	2.56	2.91	2.60	.....	2.60	.....	1 60	.....	1.00	92.77
Bullock	125.00	.....	65.90	9.00	.....	4.00	3.49	6.50	.....	21.00	1.16	1.17	.....	.55	237.77
Corinth	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.50	6 62	29.40	2.00	15.65	2.25	1.40	5.85	1.00	231 67
Concord	100.00	.....	12.00	6 60	3.45	2 05	4.00	17.40	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.50	176.00
Dexter	125.00	.....	.....	20.00	3.90	.....	.....	16.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	166.80
Enon	200 00	.....	18.58	.....	.....	27.80	22.55	38.30	.....	61.67	9.50	10.75	5.00	2.11	396.26
Fellowship	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	3.85	3.80	5.00	.....	8.00	.....	2.00	.....	1.00	33.65
Florence Avenue	200.00	30.00	25.00	25.67	1.50	18.39	18.93	40.65	2.65	4.35	3.15	4.00	6.80	1.75	382.80
Grassy Creek	150 00	3.00	.....	17.26	.....	27.59	14.76	23.00	.....	10.44	.....	3.90	65.00	1.85	316.80
Hesters	180.00	175.00	.....	.....	.....	13.29	8.20	16.56	.....	20.05	6.00	4.00	180.00	1.50	604.10
Knap of Reeds	150.00	5.15	15.33	5.30	.....	15.72	8.12	10.35	.....	25 62	.....	.....	.....	1.50	237.09
Knott's Grove	100.00	125.00	20.00	4.50	.....	5.05	17.35	14.80	.....	5.20	3.00	.....	.....	1.00	295.90
Mill Creek	250.00	40.00	25.00	12.95	16.59	77.75	63 21	265.94	15 00	65.96	30.00	15.00	40.00	2.15	919.54
) Mount Zion	225.00	12.75	7.35	5.80	3.76	26.77	30.38	41.15	.....	50.50	7.60	5.40	18.00	2.10	434.56
) Slaughter Estate	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	173.33	.....	173.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	366.66
Mount Harmony	60.00	3.50	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	1.00	4.05	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.75	76.25
Mountain Creek	225.00	.....	20.00	1.25	15.63	31.62	19.37	34.43	.....	22.34	2.66	1.34	3.41	.....	337.05
Oxford	1350.00	.....	197.97	100.00	15.72	184.01	211.85	331.10	32.80	189.10	10.00	129.10	111.83	5.00	2858.48
Olive Grove	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.20	4.42	.....	9.20	.....	.....	.....	80	118.62
Olive Branch	85.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.23	.....	.....	.....	2.52	.....	.....	.....	1.00	96.75
Peace Chapel	125.00	.....	.....	4.99	.....	3.15	3.20	2.73	.....	6.00	1.11	2.00	.55	.75	149.48
Pleasant Grove	125.00	.....	15.00	5.00	.....	12.83	3.18	5.80	.....	5.36	3.25	.....	4.50	1.20	181.12
Poplar Creek	150.00	.....	.....	5.02	.....	12.00	6.17	15.00	.....	10.05	1.00	.....	.....	.....	199.24
Providence	125.00	6 89	1.00	2 85	23.35	5 85	3.00	1.90	.....	6.00	.....	1.20	.....	1.00	178.54
Roxboro	500.00	790.00	248.50	.....	.....	45.00	.....	12.63	.....	67.69	.....	.....	.....	2.00	1665.82
Rock Grove	.....	25.00	.....	5.00	3.60	1.00	.40	1.00	.....	2.63	.50	.50	.....	.50	40.13
Rock Spring	150.00	.....	39.46	6.50	7.76	15.23	8.60	18.82	.....	10.21	2.06	4.50	.....	.....	263.19
Sharon	60.00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	3.50	4.50	5.10	.....	3.10	1.80	5.00	.....	.75	85.75
State Line	125.00	100.00	64.00	5.00	3.00	10.88	2.09	.....	8 00	6.00	3.65	.....	.....	2.00	329.62
Stovall	150.00	6.05	18.00	12.00	6.26	24.52	9.00	27.00	.....	5.59	3.78	3.73	24.00	1.50	291.43
Tally Ho	150.00	444.82	40.31	4.50	.....	12.55	3.55	6.05	.....	30.24	.....	.....	.70	1.00	683.72
Tabb's Creek	100.00	21.00	.....	14.30	.....	7.83	3.25	10.00	.....	8.68	.....	.....	.....	1.00	166.06
Island Creek	200.00	.....	.....	.....	8.76	22.00	17.20	83.31	5.00	31.25	.....	5.06	2.00	.....	374.58
Total	$6380.00	$2324.16	$910.80	$307.60	$283 38	$902.07	$557.70	$1493.20	$65.45	$924.18	$96.47	$206.65	$488.69	$46.26	$14,935.07

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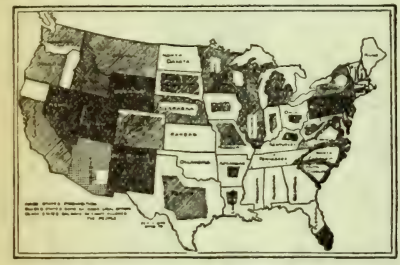

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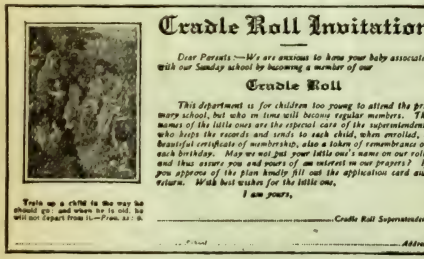

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This department is for children too young to attend the primary school, but who in time will become regular members. The names of the little ones are the especial care of the superintendent, who keeps the records and sends to each child, when enrolled, a beautiful certificate of membership, also a token of remembrance on each birthday. May we not put your little one's name on our roll, and thus assure you and yours of an interest in our prayers? If you approve of the plan kindly fill out the application card and return. With best wishes for the little one,

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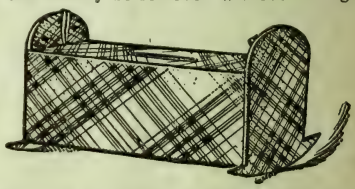

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CONSTITUTION OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Minister and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions, T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. A. Stradley, A. B. Dunaway, and C. P. Ryland.

Executive Board: Messrs. T. H. Street, J. C. Howard, and Milton Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Atkinson, Rev. J. W.....Neuse, N. C.
Beam, Rev. J. A.....Danville, Va.
Dunaway, Rev. A. B.....Oxford, N. C.
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Fontaine, Rev. P. H.....Woodsdale, N. C.
Gray, Rev. A. P.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Gordon, Rev. J. H.....Virgilina, Va.
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OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Jones, Rev. R. H.....R. 5, Roxboro, N. C
Devin, Rev. R. I.....Oxford, N. C.
Usry, Rev. E. G.....Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—R. H. Marsh.
State Missions—A. B. Dunaway.
Home Missions—C. P. Ryland.
Periodicals—B. S. Royster.
Education—W. M. Hudson.
Orphanage—J. A. Beam.
Sunday Schools—F. W. Hancock.
Temperance—J. A. Stradley.
Ministerial Relief—E. B. Meadows.
Woman's Work—J. L. Martin.
Family Prayer—J. R. Pace.
Obituaries—J. E. Duncan and M. Blalock.

PROCEEDINGS.

Stem, N. C., July 13, 1909.

The Association meets at 10 o'clock in its 116th Annual Session with Tally Ho Church. For one half hour, devotional exercises are conducted by Rev. Wm. M. Hudson, after which the Moderator of the previous session, P. H. Fontaine, calls the house to order. Permanent organization is effected by the re-election of Moderator and Clerk of previous session, and the election of Robert W. Shanks, Treasurer.

Roll of churches called and the letters handed in to Clerk. Introductory sermon by Rev. C. P. Ryland. Subject: "A Walk With Jesus."

After the sermon the Association resumes the work. A. B. Dunaway presents the following new pastors to the Association: W. M. Hudson, J. L. Martin, and L. L. Hudson. The following visitors greeted and welcomed: M. L. Kesler, General Manager Orphanage; L. Johnson, M. P. Davis, West Chowan Association; R. A. McFarland, Roanoke Association; E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary; J. S. Farmer, Raleigh; J. G. Blalock, Weldon; T. B. Hill, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; W. J. Ferrell, Meredith College; W. R. Beach, Cary; and Dr. Hufham.

The Moderator makes report for Committee on getting a bill through the Legislature to prevent the soft-drink stands near the church.

Adjournment for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service and prayer. Report of Committee on Order of Business:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Afternoon.

2:00—2:30—Orphanage.
2:30—3:00—Ministerial Relief.
3:00—3:30—Temperance.
3:30—4:00—Singing.
4:00—4:30—Family Prayer.
4:30—5:00—Woman's Work.

Wednesday Morning.

10:00—10:45—State Missions.
10:45—11:30—Sunday School.
11:30—12:15—Foreign Missions.
12:15—12:30—Miscellaneous.

Wednesday Afternoon.

2:00—2:30—Home Missions.
2:30—3:15—Education, General and Ministerial.
3:15—3:45—Periodicals.
3:45—4:15—Digest of Church Letters.
4:15—5:00—Seminary.
Devotional Exercises at the discretion of the Moderator.

Thursday.

10:00—10:30—Obituaries.
10:30—to adjournment—Miscellaneous Business.

Adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to report the year just closed as the best in the history of the Orphanage. The health of the officers and children has been unusually good, no epidemic of a serious nature having invaded them, which happy state of things is due in large measure to our almost perfect sanitary arrangements. Our waterworks system is a great blessing to us. The Trustees found school work and all interior affairs all that could be desired. We have now an excellent graded school. While receiving their education, our children are taught to work, some on the farm, some in the garden, and some at the dairy, while our girls sew, cook, keep house, and do laundrying. Our General Manager is clamoring for facilities for teaching our boys and girls, too, some useful trades; and a Committee, with the General Manager as Chairman, is now investigating institutions that have introduced trades, with instructions to make a report to the next meeting of the Board. We trust that some friend or friends of the Orphanage will provide necessary funds.

Many of the children during the year have been regenerated, we trust, about thirty-five having connected themselves with the church. They are surely most carefully taught in spiritual things; otherwise, our Orphanage would not be fulfilling its highest purposes.

We have been able to care for an average of 385 children.

The hospital so sorely needed is completed. It is well-nigh perfect in all its appointments, and cost about $12,000. The Simmons Nursery has been remodeled and enlarged in such way as to reflect credit on the memory of Bro. Dennis Simmons, who gave to the Orphanage the magnificent sum of $100,000. Think, brethren, what this man, though dead, is doing for his kind. His gift is housing, clothing, feeding, and teaching intellectually and religiously about seventy children, and will continue to do so till Gabriel shall blow his trumpet.

Electric power instead of steam for running all our machinery, and for lighting our grounds and buildings, has been installed.

We have an excellent farm of 400 acres of land adapted to the growth of corn, wheat, vegetables, and the small fruits. We

have the most improved inmplements for farming. We have an experienced and scientific gardener who is supplying our tables with an abundance of vegetables. We have a splendid herd of Jersey and Holstein cows. We have a fine lot of hogs.

Our shoe-shop is valuable to us.

Our Orphanage paper, Charity and Children, is printed in our own office, which does much job work printing also, and the net profits are nearly $2,000.

We urge upon our brethren continued liberal and systematic giving to this great charity, the noblest that we have—a charity that has had from the beginning the Divine favor resting on it in a marked degree.

Discussed by M. L. Kesler and F. P. Hobgood. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

This is a subject that comes up at our annual meetings, when a report is made, some discussion had, and then with most of our churches and membership, these poor, disabled soldiers of the Cross are forgotten until another twelve months roll around and the reports are called for again.

Now, brethren, this ought not to be so; we ought to take more interest in the aged and infirm of our ministry; we ought to study their needs more, and we ought to increase our contributions to them. Of course, those who can live without our benevolence do not ask, and they do not want it; but we have cases in our denomination where a little help from the Association would help these dear Christian men physically, and in doing our part by them, and thus showing our appreciation, in a measure, for what their lives have meant to us, it would make the declining years of their lives easier and more pleasant to them.

So we urge this Association to do greater things for those who have spent their lives in sacrifice for God and His cause in our midst.

JOHN A. NOELL,
Committee.

Discussed by C. P. Ryland and J. D. Hufham. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

I have lived to be an old man, and have never used one drop of intoxicating liquors, either in sickness or health. I know they can be done without. In view of the above fact, and in view of the additional fact that the liquor traffic is the most fruitful source of poverty, ignorance, crime, disgrace, and suffering, therefore all people should abstain from the use of intoxicants and unite to banish the liquor traffic from the face of the earth.

J. A. STRADLEY.

Discussed by J. A. Beam. Adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH MUSIC.

We wish to emphasize the importance of church music and urge as many of our churches as can do so to provide singing schools and train our people to sing by note.

We recommend that our young people be taught the old spiritual hymns of our fathers, and that these be largely used at the preaching service. M. BLALOCK.

Discussed by J. G. Blalock, J. P. Cannady, J. D. Hufham, and A. B. Dunaway. Adopted.

Rev. J. R. Doan, pastor of the church at Henderson, greeted and welcomed.

REPORT OF FAMILY WORSHIP.

Family religion is the corner-stone on which rests all Christian progress. If the family is right, then individuals, communities, churches, and counties will all be right. But no family can be right without loving and serving God, and God cannot be served without earnest, fervent, constant prayer. Each Christian member of the family should have a place for secret prayer; and all the family should assemble each day for family prayer. Joshua said: "As for me, and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Family worship is neglected, perhaps, more than any other Christian duty. God is worshipped in but few families. This accounts for the low state of Christianity among us. The most suitable time should be selected for family worship. The service should be short, pointed, earnest. In five minutes, from five to ten verses of Scripture can be read, and a short prayer be offered. The father, mother, or some Christian member of the family should conduct the service. Children should be taught to be quiet, respectful, attentive, and to kneel during prayer. The home should be the place for the cultivation of good behavior, good morals, and genuine piety. J. A. STRADLEY.

Spoken to by J. A. Stradley. Adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We are glad to know a great silent influence, which for so many years has been dormant and inactive, is taking on life and becoming more active as the months and years go by. "And that influence is the power of woman in helping to evangelize the world," and from present indications, is destined to be a more powerful factor than ever before in the history of the world.

The women of North Carolina, in connection with the Sunbeams, raised for missions, year ending February, 1909, $27,002.29; and their watchword is "Forward," and this year will raise $30,000.

Our minutes for last year show thirty-seven churches, and thirty-one churches having Missionary Societies. This year we hope our letters will show one in every church, and to that end we urge our pastors to take a deeper and more active interest in the work. T. H. STREET, Committee.

Spoken to by T. H. Street, Dunaway, and Hufham. Adopted.

The Moderator appoints B. F. Hester, H. M. Bragg, and W. P.

Wilkerson a Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher. Announcements. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

J. D. Hufham leads in the devotional exercises.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Mission work in North Carolina has to meet the needs of three distinct sections: the Western, Piedmont, and Eastern.

In the West the people are largely Baptist, but need development. Here the Home Board is doing an educational work that will tell for good in all the years to come.

The Piedmont section is the great industrial district. Here are located thousands of factories. At High Point a hundred whistles saluted the President's train. Large mills bringing together hundred of families, are being erected at several points. Here are developed great hydro-electric plants, furnishing power at half the price of steam. Buckhorn, on the Cape Fear above Fayetteville; the Catawba Works, on the Catawba below Charlotte; the Whitney Reduction Works, on Yadkin below Salisbury; the Blewitt's Falls Power, near Rockingham, and other smaller plants like that at Weldon, are or will soon be, in operation, furnishing thousands of horse power to surrounding towns. There is enough power running to waste on the shoals of Piedmont, N. C., to turn the spindles of the world, and capitalists are buying up these powers for development.

These things mean more factories; that some of our towns are to become cities; that the country family will continue to move to town and that a continuous stream of foreigners will be pouring into our midst. These things mean a loud call for State Mission work. The church and the preacher must be on the field to organize our forces and meet the new-comer with the Gospel.

We look to God through our State Mission Board to save North Carolina from the curse of the Christless city of the New Orleans type.

Eastern Carolina is our great mission field, the most destitute part of which is possibly in the Roanoke Association. New railroads recently built, and the inland waterway being constructed, are fast bringing these counties to the front. The natural fertility of the soil marks this section for agriculture and trucking, and prosperous towns are springing up along the new railways. There is great religious destitution in this section. Hyde County has no organized Baptist church, and Martin, Beaufort, and Washington Counties have but one Baptist preacher each. Nearly every church in this section has been fostered by the State Board, and while the churches are exerting themselves to meet the local situation, we must look to the Mission Board for help for some years to come.

We are asked to raise $40,000 this year for State Missions. We need more, and cannot do with less, without crippling the work.

More than half the year is past and we have forwarded but $5,973.35—about one-seventh of the amount. We urge upon our churches to take and forward these collections early in the year. We have fallen upon evil ways of delaying to do this until the eve of the Convention. Last year one-third of the amount came in the last ten days, and one-sixth on the last day. Consider the needs of the missionary and the awful suspense of our Secretary, and let us not repeat this folly.

We should hear and obey the Macedonian call from afar, but may we never, like the Priest and Levite, turn a deaf ear to the cry of the needy at our feet.

J. G. BLALOCK, Committee.

L. Johnson leads in the discussion of same and is followed by R. A. McFarland and J. D. Hufham. Adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, our brethren of the Roanoke Association are in the midst of a great spiritual destitution, and are making heroic efforts to supply it by building houses of worship, being now burdened with ten such houses; and are specially pressed about a house at Farmville, Pitt County, having purchased a desirable lot at a cost of $500, to be paid as soon as practicable; therefore—

Resolved 1. That we will aid our brethren and make an earnest effort to secure the purchase money of this lot.

Resolved 2. That we invite Brother Hufham, or other brothers, to visit the churches in our bounds and receive their contributions for this purpose.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The work of the Sunday-school is fundamental. God made it so in His Word. For years we have been engaged in this work, but never showing the earnestness in it that it deserves. The minutes of 1908 show 4,939 church members and 2,783 Sunday-school scholars, with an average attendance of 1,632. This means that on an average Sunday there were not over 800 church members in Sunday-school, with 4,100 absent. We urge: (1) A deeper interest on the part of our church members; (2) a diligent effort to bring all unconverted people under the influences of the teaching of God's Word; (3) that all our churches have perennial Sunday-schools; (4) that our teachers do all they can by reading and study to better equip themselves for their work; (5) that we hold next year at least one Associational Sunday School Convention; (6) that we appoint a committee to cooperate with our Sunday School Secretary; (7) that each Sunday-school take at least one collection for Sunday School Missions.

Instructively discussed by E. L. Middleton, Field Secretary for the State, in this work. Adopted.

Brethren W. C. Tyree, W. L. Poteat, J. M. Arnette, J. W. Downey, H. T. Stevens, and Seymour greeted and welcomed to seats.

T. H. Street, B. F. Hester, and W. H. Upchurch are appointed a committee to co-operate with E. L. Middleton in the Sunday-school work.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Some one has said: "Foreign Missions, like ancient Gaul, may be divided into three parts—the field, the force, and the fund."

The New Testament tells us what is meant by the field. The force has been mustered, in part; but there are others who are saying: "Here am I, send me." These must be denied the privilege of answering the Macedonian call: "Come over and help us." And why? Because the funds are wanting. We have the field and the force, but the funds are lacking to support the force.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board presented at the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention is full of cheer as to results.

Statistics gathered from the various fields showed that there were hundreds more conversions and baptisms than in any former year. The sum of $460,797.62 was raised, making a gain of $58,000 over any previous year.

All the States within the Southern Baptist Convention made an increase except three, and North Carolina was one of the three.

Twenty-one new missionaries were appointed—ten for China, three for Mexico, two for Africa, four for Argentina, and two for Italy.

Miss Pansey Green, daughter of Rev. G. W. Green, Canton, China, has been appointed to go out and teach in South China. She is not a regularly appointed missionary, but is an assistant in the work.

It is gratifying to state that the Baptist women of North Carolina gave through their Women's Societies and Bands $11,155.95 to Foreign Missions.

There are five States that report larger contributions to Foreign Missions than North Carolina: but only three that gave more through their Women's Missionary Societies than our State.

The men will have to do better or our women may be too highly exalted. We ought to do something to bring the 539 non-contributing churches of North Carolina in line.

A. B. DUNAWAY.

Discussed by Drs. Dunaway and Tyree. Adopted.

On motion, A. B. Dunaway, R. H. Marsh, and J. A. Stradley are appointed a committee to apportion to the churches of this Association the amount apportioned by the Finance Committee of the State Convention to the Flat River Association. (See Table.)

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The history of Home Missions dates back to the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845 operating under the title of the Domestic Mission Board, until recent years the name was changed to Home Missions. The territory in which it operates embraces, mainly, the Confederates States and the State of Oklahoma. For sixty-four years this Board has been seeking to evangelize the destitute in our homeland. A backward look through these years fills us with gratitude for the great work the Southern Baptists have done in developing the liberality of the churches and for the multitude of souls won to Christ. In these sixty-four years 5,917 Baptist churches have been organized, 188,003 persons baptized, and beneficent influences set in operation which have lifted up entire States and transformed whole sections of the people.

The Home Mission Board rejoices in the work of the year just closed. It has been abundantly blessed in every department of its work. There has been a splendid increase in contributions. The total receipts from all the States amounted to $283,436.53, an increase of $35,298.36. Add to this amount the miscellaneous receipts, $19,428.79, we have the grand total of contributions, $302,864.74—a total increase over the previous year of $37,529.15. Taking into consideration the money panic in 1907, the floods and storms which wrought great havoc in large sections, this increase in giving is most gratifying. The helpful co-operation of the Woman's Missionary Union has greatly encouraged the Board. The cash contributions amount to $57,369.65, which, if you count the value of boxes sent to the frontier missionaries, increases the total contribution to $81,749.21 from the four departments of the Union—the Woman's Missionary Society, the Young Woman's Auxiliary, the Sunbeam Band, and the Order of Royal Ambassadors. The last is the organization for boys, just a year old, formed to study missions, both Home and Foreign; and the boys are preparing to be the missionary leaders of the future.

The Board expended last year in our State (North Carolina) $9.465.65. The last year's work summed up: Evangelists, 11; missionaries (white), 1,066; negroes, 31; baptisms, 25,109; and 47,808 additions to churches; Sunday-schools organized, 959, and 316 churches constituted.

The Home Field published by the Board has recently secured the services of Bro. V. I. Masters as Editorial Secretary. This monthly is only twenty-five cents a year, and should be in every Baptist home in the Flat River Association.

We recommend that a committee be appointed in every church to secure subscriptions.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. HUDSON, Committee.

Spoken to by W. M. Hudson. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

(1) **General Education.**—We are glad to report the continued prosperity of our colleges for the education of our boys and girls.

Wake Forest, under the wise and progressive leadership of President Poteat, is maintaining its lead among the denominational colleges of the South. It is year after year advancing its standard and increasing its endowment.

Our college for girls and young women at Raleigh, under the new and highly appropriate name of Meredith College, is meeting a longfelt want, and is worthy of our support.

Oxford Seminary, located in our midst, and now entering upon the sixtieth year of a useful and honored history, reports the last to have been the most prosperous year of its history. Every year it makes advances, and is entitled to our hearty support.

Many of our Baptist secondary schools have closed on account of the competition with State schools in the same field. Our Convention is trying to save those remaining, and have in the field Bro. G. E. Lineberry as an Educational Secretary. We pledge our good-will and support to this movement.

(2) **Ministerial Education.**—The following facts have been furnished by Brother Cullom, the Secretary of the Board:

The Board aided sixty-one men during the past session—the largest number in the history of the Board. In the recent graduating class at Wake Forest there were twenty ministers, and one medical missionary. Taken all together, it is safe to say that the College has never sent out an abler or finer body of young ministers. Some of them are men of remarkable power, and will do great things in the work of the denomination. Of course, the men aided by our Board are not perfect, and sometimes the conduct of one is such that the Board has to drop him. Such was the case last session. Our Lord had a Judas, and we need not expect to do better than He did. Our churches should give more care to the matter of licensing young men to preach—more care in two directions: (1) In keeping an eye open for and encouraging those who ought to preach, and (2) in keeping out of the ministry the unpromising and unworthy.

Our Association has gradually fallen back in contributions until now it amounts to less than $100. The efficiency and general acceptability of the students who are pastors of one-fourth of our churches ought to have counteracted this downward tendency in contributions. The benefits in this Association, derived from this source, are too great and too many for the cause to suffer in our hands. The Master says: "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also."

R. H. MARSH, Committee.

Discussed by R. H. Marsh, W. L. Poteat, W. J. Ferrell, F. P. Hobgood, and A. B. Dunaway. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Even in Apostolic days damnable heresies and practices deserving the hatred of all Christians, as well as the flagrant abuse of a church ordinance, were both taught and practiced by some of the churches. So it became necessary for several of the Apostles and leading brethren to write open letters to the churches for counteracting these evils. Are the people wiser or better to-day? Is the devil less active?

Many detestable isms are now industriously taught in great swelling words of vanity by presumptuous, self-willed fellows, who use both press and platform for sowing pestilent seed. Why should Chritsians of this generation be less wise, in failing to use all modern facilities for reaching the people? And, too, are not Christians engaged in co-operative work? There can be little hearty concert of action without a common source of information. Besides, be we not children of the same Father, God, deserious to know of each other's well-doing and the progress of the cause that is dearest to the hearts of us all? Will it not be wise in us to accept the "Biblical Recorder," "Charity and Children," "Home Field," and "Foreign Mission Journal" as vehicles for preserving a unity of faith and disseminating information among our Baptist people? Let us all subscribe for them, and, brethren, when we take them, read them; please, read them.

B. F. HESTER, Committee.

Spoken to by Dr. Hufham. Adopted.

On motion, the Order of Business is amended so as to close the work of this session this (the second day) evening.

Report on Digest of Church Letters read and adopted. (See Financial Table.)

T. B. Hill speaks to the Association about increasing the efficiency of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., by increasing its endowment.

On motion, this work is commended to the various churches.

On motion of F. P. Hobgood, a Standing Committee on Order of Business is appointed for next session; also that the Association close up its work in two days.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.

Mill Creek the place and Elder J. L. Martin the preacher; Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday in July the time. Adoption.

H. M. BRAGG.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE TENT.

Your committee to procure a tent for the Association beg to make the following report:

That through the efficient aid of Bro. P. H. Fontaine, we have it, and render the following as a report:

Cost of tent, 30 x 50 f. o. b.	$98.20
Freight and drayage	6.76
Postage	1.00
Total	$105.96
Cash in hand	17.23
Grand total	$123.19

Twenty-nine of the thirty-seven churches responded to the amount of $123.19.

We recommend that the churches using this tent strike down immediately after the Association adjourns in dry condition and re-box, rat proof, and keep in a dry place.

Respectfully submitted,

M. BLALOCK,
J. F. MEADOWS,
J. ED. DUNCAN,
Committee.

The following is the collection from churches for tent:

Mountain Creek	$3.28
Rock Grove	2.00
Knap of Reeds	3.18
Sharon	1.75
Enon	8.45
Mt Zion	4.00
Pleasant Grove	3.50
Providence	5.00
Corinth	2.75
State Line	2.50
Rock Spring	3.25
Mill Creek	5.00
Tally Ho	4.50
Bethany	1.25
Reese's Chapel	1.56
Hester	4.72
Bullock	.65
Knott's Grove	2.25
Antioch	3.95
Mt. Harmony	3.00
Poplar Creek	2.75
Island Creek	5.00
Oxford	9.00
Grassy Creek	10.00
Amis Chapel	10.50
Florence Avenue	2.50
Olive Branch	2.85
Roxboro	4.00
Bethel	10.05
Total	$123.19
Cost of tent	105.96
On hand	$17.23

Adopted on motion, with request that said committee make a rat-proof box out of surplus funds, to place tent in same and hold until the next church sends for it. Further, if there be any funds remaining from this tent collection, that said surplus shall be paid over to the Clerk of this Association for the purpose of augmenting the Minute Fund.

For Standing Committees, see another page.

On motion, the Clerk is allowed $20 for services.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I beg to submit as Treasurer the following report: Received for—

Home Missions	$48.48
State Missions	29.95
Foreign Missions	55.78
Ministerial Education	16.82
Ministerial Relief	24.25
Orphanage	45.65
Sunday School Missions	4.43
Minute Fund	58.28
Total	$283.64

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. SHANKS, Treasurer.

Adopted with instruction to pay over all funds to proper authorities.

A vote of thanks is extended to the church and community for such kind treatment.

The present Tent Committee is appointed a standing committee.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the year some of our best members have been removed from earth to heaven. Sister W. A. Sherman, of Sharon church, one of our best consecrated sisters; Ruffin Woody, of Bethel Hill church, a good and useful man passed from earth to heaven; Bro. J. B. Roller, of Oxford church, a consecrated and very useful man, passed to his reward; Bro. J. T. Shotwell and Bro. R. G. Norwood, deacons of Island Creek church, very useful members, have gone to their reward; Bro. E. K. Howard, of Oxford, one who was always faithful to his Christian duties. These all died in the faith and have gone to their reward. J. R. PACE.

Adjournment to meet at the time and place above-mentioned.

P. H. FONTAINE, Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICE, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Churches.	Pastor's.	Post Office.	Clerk.	Post Office.	Time of Preaching.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R.F.D.2	A. E. Garner	Virgilina, Va	1st Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Antioch	J. A. Hackney	Durham, N. C	W. A. Barton	Roxboro, R. F. D. 5	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Danville, Va	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, R. F. D, 2	3d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Beulah	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C	T. J. Smith	Oxford, R. F. D. 6	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Bethany	W. M. Hudson	Scotsburg, Va	J. T. Newton	Rougemont, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Bullock	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C	1st Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Corinth	E. M. Lassiter	Cary, N. C	S. H. Usry	Clay, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Concord	L. J. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C	C. C Currin	Northside, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Creedmore	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C	W. W. Freeman	Creedmoor, N. C	
Dexter	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C	E. J. Green	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D.5	3d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C	R. M. Currin	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D.1	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Fellowship	L. L. Hudson	Wake Forest, N. C	J. D. Cannady	Creedmoor, N. C	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Florence Avenue			R. E. Amis	Virgilina, Va	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R.F.D.2	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C	R. W. Badgett	Oxford, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Island Creek	E. D. Poe	Wake Forest, N. C	H. T. Shanks	Dabney, N C	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Knapp of Reeds			E. J. Nance	Stem, N. C., R. F. D. 1	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Knott's Grove	J. A. Ellis	Wake Forest, N. C	J. W. Dean	Oxford, N. C	3d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Mill Creek	C. P. Ryland	Roxboro, N. C	G. W. Walker	Trilby, N. C	1st Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Mt. Zion			R. H. O'Briant	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D.1	1st Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Mountain Creek	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R.F.D.2	G. F. Downey	Oxford, N C., R.F.D.4	3d Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Mount Harmony	J. R. Pace	Oxford, N. C	T. K. Jones	Rougemont, R. F. D 4	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Oxford	A. B. Dunaway	Oxford, N. C	J. B. Powell	Oxford, N. C	Every Sunday.
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, N. C	W. H. Keith	Northside, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Peace Chapel	A. P. Gray	Wake Forest, N. C	W. S. Howell	Kittrell, N. C., R.F.D.2	4th Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C	R. O. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Poplar Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C	J. L. Capps	Henderson, R.F.D. 5	1st Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Providence	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va	J. E. Perkins	Roxboro, N. C	3d Saturday before.
Roxboro	C. P. Ryland	Roxboro, N C	J. A. Noell	Roxboro, N. C	2nd and 4th Sundays.
Rock Grove	J. H. Gordon	Virgilina, Va	S. T. Slaughter		
Rock Spring	E. D. Poe	Wake Forest, N. C	J. E Owen	Clarksville, Va	
Sharon	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C	H. G. McFarland	Berea, N. C., R.F.D. 1	3d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
State Line	W. L Kyle	Henderson, N. C	T. L. Sizemore	Soudan, Va	3d Sunday and Saturd'y before.
Stovall	G. T. Tunstall	Henderson, N. C	E. M. Hart	Stovall, N. C	1st Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C	W. R. Mangum	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D.6	1st Sund'y and Saturd'y before.
Tabb's Creek	A. B. Dunaway	Oxford, N. C	J. L. Parham	Oxford, N. C	

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Churches.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Restoration.	Total.	Lost by Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Total.	Gain or Loss.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Amis Chapel	27	8	----	35	12	1	1	14	G 18	103	104	207
Antioch	3	4	----	7	8	1	----	9	L 2	41	54	95
Bethany	2	1	----	3	----	2	2	4	L 1	20	33	53
Bethel	3	1	----	4	7	2	2	11	L 7	77	104	181
Beulah	4	17	----	21	2	2	----	4	G 17	37	52	89
Bullock	----	1	----	1	2	----	----	2	L 1	37	47	84
Corinth	5	1	5	11	10	----	----	10	G 1	46	76	122
Concord	----	1	----	1	3	----	2	5	L 4	45	55	100
Creedmoor	----	8	----	8	1	----	1	2	G 6	32	30	62
Dexter	10	6	----	16	----	----	----	----	G 16	27	36	63
Enon	22	4	----	26	17	----	2	19	G 7	78	87	165
Florence Ave	8	24	----	32	3	----	----	3	G 29	46	71	117
Fellowship	13	4	2	19	8	2	2	12	G 7	45	112	157
Hesters	----	1	1	2	6	----	2	8	L 6	99	135	234
Island Creek	19	2	1	22	12	2	4	18	G 4	129	147	276
Knapp of Reeds	2	----	1	3	5	1	2	8	L 5	48	78	126
Knott's Grove	6	8	----	14	8	1	3	12	G 2	38	39	77
Mt. Zion	8	6	2	16	13	----	3	16	------	61	99	160
Mill Creek	12	2	2	16	8	6	2	16	-----	112	170	282
Mt. Harmony	----	1	----	1	1	2	----	3	L 2	14	38	52
Mt'n Creek	2	3	1	6	3	3	2	8	L 2	114	158	272
Olive Grove	12	2	----	14	----	1	----	1	G 13	47	78	125
Olive Branch	----	2	----	2	5	1	1	7	L 5	50	45	95
Oxford	45	29	----	74	16	1	2	19	G 55	200	240	440
Peace Chapel	3	1	----	4	5	4	----	9	L 5	39	67	106
Providence	3	1	2	6	1	6	3	10	L 4	29	71	100
Pleasant Grove	23	14	1	38	11	3	1	15	G 23	69	99	168
Poplar Creek	----	----	----	----	----	1	----	1	L 1	46	57	103
Rock Grove	3	1	2	6	----	1	----	1	G 5	10	11	21
Rock Spring	13	5	----	18	1	3	1	5	G 13	58	85	143
Roxboro	24	6	----	30	2	----	1	3	G 27	63	86	149
State Line	----	1	----	1	18	3	1	22	L 21	33	60	93
Stovall	2	2	2	6	6	2	5	13	L 7	74	117	191
Sharon	10	----	----	10	1	1	1	3	G 7	33	43	76
Tabb's Creek	4	5	2	11	----	----	----	----	G 11	26	25	51
Tally Ho	----	6	2	8	15	----	2	17	L 9	58	96	154
	288	178	26	492	210	52	48	310	G 179	2,084	2,905	4,989

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Church.	Superintendent.	Post Office.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Attendance.	Months Kept Open.
Amis Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Virgilina, Va	7	120	100	80	12
Antioch	C. H Tapp	Roxboro, 5, N. C	7	60	68	40	9
Bethany	L. J. Meadows	Rougemont, 4, N. C	3	15	24	8	9
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, N. C	10	74	60	42	12
Beulah	E. A. Howard	Oxford 1, N. C	8	80	85	49	12
Bullock	R. A. Davis	Bullock, N. C	6	45	60	36	12
Corinth	A. P. Overton	Franklinton, 1, N. C	7	76	40	32	9
Concord	S. N. Goss	Lyons, N. C	7	50		40	
Creedmoor	R. H. Rogers	Creedmoor, N. C	7	84	150	76	12
Dexter	S. A. Green	Oxford, 5, N. C	8	55	63	38	12
Enon	W. C Currin	Oxford, 1, N. C	7	65	120	72	12
Florence Ave.	J. T. Torian	Virgilina, N. C	6	41	125	25	12
Fellowship	S. A. Cannady	Creedmoor, N. C	10	75	100	60	10
Hesters	B. F. Dean	Oxford, 4, N. C	9	82	97	56	12
Island Creek	Robt. H. Shanks	Dabney, 1, N. C	12	180	200	175	9
Knap of R'ds.	Pervis Tilly	Bahama, N. C	6	50	70	30	12
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean	Oxford, 2, N. C	5	42	54		12
Mt. Zion	J. C. Howard	Oxford, 1, N. C	7	75	135	59	12
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek, N. C	7	54	60	30	12
Mt. Harmony	S. E. Peed	Moriah, 1, N. C	3	20	15		6
Mt'n Creek	W. J. Downey	Oxford, 7, N. C	10	71	146	57	12
Olive Grove	C. W. Cannady	North Side, N. C	6	96	90	50	4
Oxford	W. H. Upchurch	Oxford, N. C	23	360	500	227	12
Peace Chapel	W. S. Howell	Kittrell, 2, N. C	8	57	52	40	12
Providence	Ollie Gravill	Roxboro, N. C	5	60	60	36	6
Pleasa't Grove	C. H. Grissom	Hester, N. C	6	71	60	50	9
Poplar Creek	G. W. Wright	Henderson, 5, N. C	6	12	175	12	12
Rock Grove	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro, N. C	5	40	72	27	9
Rock Spring	A. J. Owen	Clarksville, Va	9	95	105	70	9
Roxboro	R. A. Spencer	Roxboro, N. C	12	174	324	123	12
S ate Line	T. L. Sizemore	Soudan, Va	5	32		19	9
Stovall	E. M. Hart	Stovall, N. C	6	75	80	30	12
Sharon	H. G. McFarland	Beres, 1, N. C	3	30	43	20	9
Tabb's Creek	W. J. Brummitt	Oxford, 3 N. C	7	60	75	48	12
Tally Ho	J. E. Duncan	Stem, N. C	7	35	75	31	12
			271	2,611	3,463	1,788	3.5

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Totals.
Amis Chapel	$175 00	....	.....	$ 0.00	$47.25	$74.59	$27.40	$53.20	.....	$35 73	.....	.....	$28.50	$2.00	$453 67
Antioch	150 00	.....	.....	4.63	.....	11.65	7.30	7.66	.....	5.65	$5.60	$5.32	.....	2 00	199.81
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 20	3.61	2 27	.....	2.50	5.00	1.75	.....	1.00	21.33
Bethel	200.00	$1.80	$16.00	27.50	20.00	26.50	10.00	123.91	.....	50.46	.....	.....	50.00	2.52	518.69
Beulah	100.00	231.78	.....	8.00	.....	9.00	10.00	13.00	.....	23.65	.....	2.15	2.00	1.60	401.78
Bullock	125.00	3.50	.....	.....	.....	2.75	4.25	7.61	.....	16 82	.90	20.89	.....	1.00	183 47
Corinth	150.00	1.05	15.00	.....	.....	27.40	8.12	35.97	.....	10.30	2.08	1.45	2.30	1.25	254.92
Concord	128.00	12.00	6.25	10.00	.....	.....	.....	5.25	.....	12.62	.....	.....	.....	1.00	175.12
Creedmoor	175.00	.....	35.00	.....	.....	10.00	9.80	10.85	.....	8.13	2.10	6.75	.50	1.10	259.23
Dexter	125.00	.....	4.80	12.50	.....	.....	7.57	7 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	158.44
Enon	205.00	52.75	18.00	.....	.....	18.50	26.25	30.55	.....	69.40	13.20	14.35	12.00	2.60	462.60
Florence Avenue	25 .00	.....	35.00	25.01	2.50	10.25	28.27	59.89	$8.40	11.86	5.05	1.23	679.00	2.00	1,118.90
Fellowship	125.00	.....	.....	15.00	.....	13.00	8.00	6 66	.....	5.80	.....	4.00	.....	1.00	178.46
Hesters	200.00	.....	5.00	.....	12.00	11 25	6.16	18.30	.....	27.18	4.50	.....	10.10	2 00	296.49
Grassy Creek	Letter	Lost in	Mail	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	2.50
Island Creek	200.00	5.00	.....	15.00	29.02	42.97	23 10	33.38	.....	5.08	12.45	5.00	23.75	2.39	397.14
Knap of Reeds	187.50	5.15	15 33	6.15	.....	15.72	6.05	10.58	.....	25.37	2 11	5.46	17.30	1.50	298.22
Knott's Grove	100.00	.....	.....	6.77	.....	15.00	10.00	15.00	1.00	14.85	.63	.85	97.05	1.05	262.20
Mt. Zion	225.00	.....	.....	5.60	.....	27.67	20.96	31 03	5.00	36.82	7 60	4.65	60.00	2.00	462.33
Slaughter Estate	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	241.52	.....	241.53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	503.05
Mill Creek	250 00	101.70	35.00	9.00	5.15	66.81	56.36	262.00	5.00	40.00	5.00	12.50	5.00	3.00	856.52
Mt. Harmony	70.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	2.10	.....	.50	78.10
Mountain Greek	225 00	500.00	32.28	2.31	.....	22.61	11.13	69.58	.....	39.96	.....	6.00	.....	2.00	910.87
Olive Grove	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.28	5.00	5.77	.75	5 00	.40	.80	.....	.80	119.80
Olive Branch	85.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.25	.....	.....	2.85	1.00	90.10
Oxford	1,350.00	.....	242.00	105.50	53.00	145 90	158.31	197.17	29.00	130 62	44.30	19.90	210.00	5.00	2,690.70
Peace Chapel	100.00	.....	.75	4.55	.....	1.50	2.65	1.48	.....	1.98	.....	.....	22.76	.75	136.42
Providence	125.00	65.00	8.00	1.04	2.00	3.25	3.00	.90	.....	1.00	.....	.68	26.00	3.00	238.87
Pleasant Grove	125.00	.....	1.80	5.00	.....	4.32	.....	7.44	.....	6.48	2.53	3.65	28.70	1.10	186.02
Poplar Creek	150.00	.....	16.00	3.50	.....	12.64	12.25	32.25	.....	16.65	.36	2.70	2.75	1.50	250.60
Rock Grove	.....	8.00	.....	4.00	.75	.50	1.00	2.00	1.88	2.90	.....	.....	2.00	.60	23.63
Rock Spring	150.00	.....	40.25	.....	.....	15.28	15.18	16.37	.....	4.75	2.21	5.00	.....	.....	249.04
Roxboro	500.00	400.00	225.02	37.50	.....	48.74	42.00	79.00	.....	115.40	5.00	5.00	7.44	2.00	1,467.20
State Line	125.00	.....	.....	6.00	.....	4.97	.....	3.27	3.00	7.00	.....	.....	3.00	1.12	153.36
Stovall	150.00	.....	20.00	15.00	.....	15.00	.....	6.12	4.23	12.14	2.05	2.00	28.65	1.50	256.69
Sharon	75.00	1.75	.....	1.00	.....	7.50	5.46	6.00	.....	4.15	.....	2.52	5.00	1.00	109.38
Tabb's Creek	100.00	64.90	4.50	.....	.....	9.11	4.00	8.49	.....	13.84	1.00	2.96	.....	1.00	208.80
Tally Ho	150.00	991.19	.....	15.15	.....	4.16	3.14	5.91	.....	27.81	.....	.....	19.27	1.90	1.218.53
Totals	$6.670.50	$2.445.57	$815.98	$355 70	$171.67	$938.54	$538.16	$1,418.36	$58.26	$796.15	$124.07	$140.16	$1345.92	$59.28	$15,916.98

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1910.

The undersigned were appointed to ask the churches for the amounts annexed to their names:

	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Sunday School Missions.
Amis Chapel	$42.00	$44.00	$30.00	$37.50	$5.00	$7.50	$2.00
Antioch	10.00	13.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
Bethel	30.00	150 00	12.00	100.00	5.00	10.00	1.00
Beulah	10.00	12.50	7.00	25.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Bethany	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Bullock	5.00	10.00	5 00	25.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Corinth	20.00	30.00	10.00	18.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
Concord	5.00	20.00	10.00	33.00	2.00	5.00	1.00
Dexter	5.00	15 00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Enon	30.00	40.00	25.00	65.00	10.00	12.00	2.50
Fellowship	5.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	2.50	1.00
Florence Ave	20.00	45.00	20.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
Grassy Creek	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Hesters	15.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Knap of Reeds	78.00	18.00	15.00	28.00	5.00	4.00	1.00
Knott's Grove	7.00	16.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	1.00
Mill Creek	80.00	270.00	70.00	70.00	33.00	15.00	3.00
Mount Zion	30.00	45.00	35.00	53.00	10.00	5.00	2.00
Mount Harmony	3.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	1.50	1.50	1.00
Mountain Creek	35.00	40.00	25.00	25.00	5.00	7.50	2.00
Oxford	190.00	325.00	215.00	200.00	15.00	50.00	15.00
Olive Branch	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Olive Grove	3.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Peaces' Chapel	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.50	2.00	1.00
Pleasant Grove	15.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	1.00
Poplar Creek	15.00	25.00	15.00	15.00	3.00	5.00	2.00
Providence	6.00	5.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
Roxboro	50.00	20.00	20.00	70.00	5 00	5.00	2.50
Rock Grove	3.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sharon	5.00	7.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.50	1.00
State Line	12.00	10.00	10.00	7.00	4.00	3.00	1.00
Stovall	25.00	12.0	30 00	10.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Tally Ho	15.00	10.00	10.00	35.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
Tabb's Creek	10.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Island Creek	25.00	75 00	25.00	35.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Rock Spring	18.00	20.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
	$822.00	$1385.00	$710.00	$ 917.50	$186.00	$206.00	$63.00

A. B. DUNAWAY,
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J. A. STRADLEY,
} Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS, 1910.

TUESDAY.

10:00—10:45—Introductory Sermon.
10:45—11:00—Organization.
11:00—11:30—Sunday Schools.
11:30—12:00—Periodicals.
12:00—12:30—Temperance.
12:30— 2:00—Recess.
2:00— 2:15—Miscellaneous Business.
2:15— 3:00—Foreign Missions.
3:00— 3:30—General Education.
3:30— 4:00—Ministerial Education.
4:00— 4:30—Family Prayer.
4:30— 5:00—Ministerial Relief.

WEDNESDAY.

9:30— 9:50—Devotional Exercises.
9:50—10:00—Miscellaneous.
10:00—10:45—State Missions.
10:45—11:00—Digest of Letters.
11:00—12:30—State of Churches, with speeches limited to five minutes.
12:30— 2:00—Recess.
2:00— 2:30—Home Missions.
2:30— 3:15—Orphanage.
3:15— 3:45—Obituaries.
3:45— 4:30—Call Roll. Correction of Minutes. Miscellaneous. Adjournment.

No extension of time to speeches recommended.

R. H. MARSH,
A. B. DUNAWAY,
F. P. HOBGOOD,
Committee.

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CONSTITUTION OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions—T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Convention—R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—J. A. Stradley, P. H. Fontaine, and C. P. Ryland.

Executive Board—Messrs. T. H. Street, J. C. Howard, and Milton Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Atkinson, Rev. J. W.....Neuse, N. C.
Beam, Rev. J. A.....Danville, Va.
Bass, Rev. J. H.....Republican Grove, Va.
Dunaway, Rev. A. B.....Oxford, N. C.
Ellis, Rev. J. A.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Fontaine, Rev. P. H.....Woodsdale, N. C.
Gray, Rev. A. P.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Gordon, Rev. J. H.....Virgilina, Va.
Hart, Rev. T. W.....Virgiliana, Va.
Hilliard, Rev. S. C.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Hudson, Rev. W. M.....Scottsburg, Va.
Hudson, Rev. L. L.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Kyle, Rev. W. L.....Raleigh, N. C.
Lassiter, Rev. E. M.....Cary, N. C.
Martin, Rev. J. L.....Creedmoor, N. C.
Marsh, Rev. R. H.....Oxford, N. C.
Pace, Rev. J. R.....Oxford, N. C.
Poe, Rev. E. D.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Ryland, Rev. C. P.....Oxford, N. C.
Stradley, Rev. J. A.....Oxford, N. C.
Tunstall, Rev. G. T.....Henderson, N. C.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Jones, Rev. R. H.....R. 5, Roxboro, N. C.
Devin, Rev. R. I.....Oxford, N. C.
Usry, Rev. E. G.....Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—F. P. Hobgood.
State Missions—E. G. Usry.
Home Missions—T. H. Street.
Periodicals—R. H. Burns.
Education—P. H. Fontaine.
Orphanage—J. A. Stradley.
Sunday Schools—C. P. Ryland.
Temperance—J. H. Bass.
Ministerial Relief—B. F. Hester.
Woman's Work—J. H. Gordon.
Family Prayer—L. L. Hudson.
Obituaries—J. R. Pace.

PROCEEDINGS.

Mill Creek, N. C., July 12-13, 1910.

The Flat River Association meets in its one hundredth and seventeenth Annual Session. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Martin, of Creedmoor. Text: Mark 34:14.

In the absence of the former Moderator, Rev. R. H. Fontaine, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, J. C. Howard. Letter from Brother Fontaine was read to the Association.

The Association elected A. B. Dunaway, Moderator, for present session; J. C. Howard was re-elected Clerk; S. C. Humphries, Treasurer.

Roll of churches was called and delegates responded with church letters.

ORDER OF BUSINESS, 1910.

Tuesday.

10:00—10:45—Introductory Sermon.
10:45—11:00—Organization.
11:00—11:30—Sunday Schools.
11:30—12:00—Periodicals.
12:00—12:30—Temperance.
10:30— 2:00—Recess.
2:00— 2:15—Miscellaneous Business.
2:15— 3:00—Foreign Missions.
3:00— 3:30—General Education.
3:30— 4:00—Ministerial Education.
4:00— 4:30—Family Prayer.
4:30— 5:00—Ministerial Relief.

Wednesday.

9:30— 9:50—Devotional Exercises.
9:50—10:00—Miscellaneous.
10:00—10:45—State Missions.
10:45—11:00—Digest of Letters.
11:00—12:30—State of Churches, with speeches limited to five minutes.
12:30— 2:00—Recess.
2:00— 2:30—Home Missions.
2:30— 3:15—Orphanage,
3:15— 3:45—Obituaries.
3:45— 4:30—Call Roll. Correction of Minutes. Miscellaneous. Adjournment.

No extension of time to speeches recommended.

R. H. MARSH,
A. B. DUNAWAY,
F. P. HOBGOOD,
Committee.

Adopted.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

In the absence of the committee to report on this subject, Dr. A. B. Dunaway addresses the Association by request.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We rejoice at the great amount of good that has been, and is being, done by the Sunday-school work, but we believe that we are receiving only a very small part of what the Lord has in store for us should each Christian do his duty.

We, therefore, recommend that every church in this Association put forth a greater effort to enlist and interest every member in this fruitful field of Christian work, and thus develop the Christian and also lead the lost to a living Saviour.

We also recommend that the churches keep the schools liberally supplied with literature of either Southern Baptist Convention or American Baptist Publication Society. We believe no investment will pay better than this, since it yields a harvest of all that makes a prosperous church.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. CRUTCHFIELD,
Committee.

Discussed by T. H. Street.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In the absence of Committee B. S. Royster, F. P. Hobgood was asked to speak and write report on the same.

J. A. Beam was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Biblical Recorder, and J. R. Pace to work for Charity and Children.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the "moderate use of things needful, and total abstinence from all things hurtful." Water, bread, meat, and clothing are needful, and should be used in moderation. All alcoholic drinks, as a beverage, are hurtful, and all persons ought totally to abstain from their use. Such drinking is the most fruitful source of crime, poverty, ignorance, and suffering, and brings utter ruin to soul and body for time and eternity.

If all Christians, and professed temperance people, would work as hard to kill the liquor traffic, as the whiskey men do to keep it alive, it would not be long before this accursed traffic would be driven from all civilized nations.

North Carolina now has temperance laws that are right and good. What we now need is citizens and officers to enforce these laws. If rightly enforced, peace, happiness, and prosperity will be promoted among all our people.

Christianity is the best remedy for the great evils of the liquor traffic. If all people were Christians this traffic would soon cease its ruinous work. No genuine Christian wants to make, or sell, intoxicating liquors. The better Christian a man is the less whiskey he wants. Ungodly men are those who keep alive the liquor traffic. J. A. STRADLEY, Committee.

Discussed by the author, J. R. Pace, J. A. Beam, and J. I. Gordan.

Visiting brethren recognized and welcomed: J. B. Brewer, from Danville Female Institute; O. A. Keller, of Liberty-Piedmont Institute.

Announcements.

On motion, the Report on Order of Business was referred to Committee to place Woman's Work in the Order of Business.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

We, the Committee appointed to examine the Covenant and Article of Faith of the South Oxford Baptist Church, report, the following:

That having examined the Covenant and Articles of Faith of the said church, find them to be such as believed in and practiced by Missionary Baptists. We do, therefore, most heartily recommend it to the membership of the Flat River Association.

J. R. PACE,
C. P. RYLAND,
J. L. MARTIN,
Committee.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We believe there is no greater agency for good in the Christian churches than Womans' Missionary Societies, which are having a great influence in helping to evangelize the world. In our judgment it has been a means to stimulate our laymen to undertake greater things for God. The women of North Carolina, in connection with Sunbeams, raised for missions for year ending February, 1910, $30,000; and they say: "That we take as our total aim for the year, March 1, 1910, to March 1, 1911, $33,500, and that we continue to press home the thought that in view of the great blessing brought to us by the Gospel, we shall not give less than a tenth of our income to the spread of this blessed news in our communities, our State, our country, and to the utmost parts of the world.'

We have thirty-seven churches, and thirty-one churches having Missionary Societies, but we hope the time will soon come all our churches will take up this work, and let each of us do what we can to bring about a deeper and more active interest in the work.

J. L. MARTIN,
Committee.

Discussed by the author. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION—GENERAL AND MINISTERIAL.

The subject of general education is a broad and comprehensive one, and in a paper of this character, I am sure that noth-

ing more is expected than to call attention in a general way to it, and this, mainly, in a **denominational** sense, but the subject is so inexhaustible that we have found it almost impossible to so confine and circumscribe its bounds. Wake Forest College, under the efficient management of Professor Poteat has just closed one of the most successful sessions in its history. The splendid work which this school has done is felt far and wide. Its able faculty and broad curriculum give it an equal rank among the best schools of our country.

Meredith College, located at Raleigh, under the leadership of Dr. R. T. Vann, has done, and is doing, a fine work in the education of our women.

At present there are thirteen academies and three colleges reporting in our system of schools. The buildings, grounds, and equipments of these are valued at $1,223,467. Also Leaksville-Spray, Wingate School, Boiling Springs, and South Fork Institute are owned and controlled by the denomination. Their property is valued at $46,000.

Under private Baptist ownership and control we find Oxford Seminary and Buie's Creek Academy, with property valued at $65,000. Since December 1, 1908, $14,308.50 has been paid on the indebtedness of these institutions. There is still due $50,685. Of this amount, $15,183.50 is secured by notes and subscriptions. There were nearly three thousand students in these schools in our system last year. One hundred and thirteen of these were ministerial students, and fifteen girls expecting to be missionaries.

Our people are beginning more generally to realize the importance of an educated ministry. These are what the churches want and must have. Those who recognize the Divine call to preach the Gospel feel more deeply the importance of equipping themselves thoroughly for this great and important work. As the years go by the demands upon the preacher become greater and greater.

The Education Board extended aid to sixty-five young men during last session. This is the largest number ever aided by the Board. There were twenty ministerial students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary last session from North Carolina and four young ladies in the Training School. It is surprsiing that the churches of the Flat River Association gave only $124.07 to this great and worthy cause during the last Associational year. Brethren, we should contribute more liberally to Ministerial Education.

Your Committee recommend that our pastors and churches pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labors into His harvest.

Respectfully submitted, WM. M. HUDSON,
Committee.

Discussed by author, C. P. Ryland, J. C. Howard, F. P. Hobgood, J. R. Pace, O. A. Keller, and J. B. Brewer. Adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

The world is blessed or cursed by our homes. There goes out from every home a saving influence or a destructive influence. We must look to our homes for men and women who will carry forward every good enterprise of our churches. The home training is the most vital and the most lasting. Every member of the family should have impressed upon his or her mind the importance of looking to God for guidance in every-day duties. Prayer is one of the most important Christian duties; hence the importance of family prayer.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PACE.

Discussed by J. R. Pace. Adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Relief absent. By request, T. H. Street spoke to this subject.

Miscellaneous discussion. C. P. Ryland writes report by request.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

It is conceded by all right thinking people that the Christian ministery is the highest of all vocations. This being true, it follows as night follows day, that all right thinking people are unanimous in the support of those who have given their lives to the cause and work of preaching the Gospel.

Not to support our aged ministers who have worn their strength out in the active work of the ministry is nothing short of crime. Eleven churches in the Flat River Association reported nothing but blanks at our meeting last year for this cause. It is said that more than one dozen Associations in the State gave nothing during the year that closed in December, 1909, to this fund.

Many of our aged and infirm ministers are entirely dependent upon what they get from this fund for their daily maintenance. Let the pastors and leaders in our churches see to it that this part of our work is not neglected. C. P. RYLAND.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by E. G. Usry. Miscellaneous business.

On motion, committee appointed to draft resolutions of appreciation of Rev. P. H. Fontaine.

On motion, B. F. Hester appointed committee to draft similar resolutions in regard to J. A. Beam.

Whereas, as Rev. P. H. Fontain has been one of the faithful and most loyal leaders in the Flat River Association in seeking to carry on every part of the work of the Association; and,

Whereas, as we recognize the sterling value of our brother as preacher and leader in everything that counts for the glory of God and the good of humanity; and,

Whereas, the whole Association feels a keen sense of our brother's absence in this annual meeting of our body; be it therefore,

Resolved, That we remember our dear brother in prayer, praying God to give him many years yet in which he may render valuable service to our cause; that we do hereby express our high appreciation for his valuable work in this, the Flat River Association, and that he may soon be restored to soundness of health and to his place in the work he loves so well.

C. P. RYLAND, Committee.

As Rev. J. A. Beam is about to leave us for another field of labor, the Flat River Association, in session assembled, desires to place on record our appreciation of his labors, both as teacher and pastor in our midst, that have been abundant and devoted, and to commend him and his estimable and useful wife, with their children, to the Baptists of Kentucky. B. F. HESTER.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, composed of J. T. Daniel, S. P. Gentry, and W. N. Critcher appointed.

Visitors, Brethren L. Johnson and A. L. Betts of Biblical Recorder.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

By State Missions we mean the evangelization of North Carolina. It is a work in which the love of State and the love of God unite. He who declines to give it his aid cannot claim to be a loyal North Carolinian, or an obedient Christian. State evangelization is the first work, except City Missions, the disciples did, and it became the basis for Home and Foreign Missions.

The work under our earnest and faithful Secretary has grown out of proportion to the means placed in the hands of the State Board. The demands of the present are greater than those of the past, because the needs multiply with the growth of population, and the growth of population increases with our industrial development. It is a matter for sincere thanksgiving that our State is in the van of the progressive march of the South, and that she takes high rank in every movement that tends to make her great in the sisterhood of States.

The time has come when we must heed with a deepened interest the call of the weak churches in the country. They are our Baptist plant bed, and we must see to it that the plant bed be enlarged and constantly re-seeded, or the town and city churches will suffer from a lack of plants.

And then, we must not overlook the struggling churches of our towns and cities, for they stand as breakwaters against the perilous floods of ungodliness which threaten to destroy our homes and the foundations of our institutions.

It gives us pleasure to mention the organization of the South Oxford Baptist Church. Last October it was constituted with fourteen members, and has received since that time forty-one by baptism and others by letter. Under the leadership of Rev. E. G.

Usry, pastor, it has erected a convenient and attractive house of worship, which will be paid for when dedicated.

The Board acted wisely in giving aid to this promising enterprise, and we commend it to the renewed care and helpfulness of the brethren who are charged with the distribtuion of the State Mission funds.

We need more men, and we need more money; and we will get both when our churches shall realize their duty to Jesus, the great Master, and their duty to their needy brethren.

A. B. DUNAWAY.

Discussed by L. Johnson. Adopted.

Vistiors, A. Johnson, —. —. Byrum, and new pastor, J. H. Bass, recognized.

Report on Digest of Church Letters—insert on financial page of appendix.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

Resolved (a) That we hail with pleasure the evidences of deeper consecration on the part of the members of the Association as evidenced by largely increased contributions.

(b) That we urge our members to become more deeply interested in the world-wide movement for the evangelization of the work known as the Missionary Laymen's Movement.

(c) That we urge the churches to adopt the plans recommended by the Laymen's Convention of the United States and Canada, which are—

(1) The appointment in every church of a Missionary Committee which shall try to secure a contribution from every member.

(2) The organization of Mission Study Classes.

(3) The adoption of the system of monthly contributions and the use to this end of the duplex envelope.

(4) We recommend that each church hold, in the near future, a Laymen's Missionary Meeting. F. P. HOBGOOD.

Discussed by F. P. Hobgood.

State of the Churches discussed by representatives from each church.

On motion, Digest of Church Letters and State Missions change places.

Woman's Work be given thirty minutes of time to State of the Churches, and the Order of Business of this year made permanent.

Motion carried.

Adjournment for dinner.

AFTERNOON—WEDNESDAY.

Opening prayer by A. Johnson.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has its official headquarters in the city of Atlanta, Ga. The work of the Board is under the wise and and judicious Secretaryship of Rev. B. D. Gray, D.D. Dr. Gray has labored well and wisely for the Baptist of the South in faithfully fostering the worthy interests of Home Missions. Every pastor, every church, and every Christian that loves and fosters the deep and far-reaching interests of Home Missions, has just cause to be proud to thank God and take courage in view of the marked, marvelous and unsurpassed success that crowned the efforts of the Home Board during the year that closed in April last.

Work on the fields during the past year has been most excellent in its nature and signally blessed along every line. Twenty-seven thousand, four hundred and twenty-six persons were baptized into the churches by our Home missionaries. More than fifty-two thousand were added to the churches last year.

The financial condition of the Board, at the clost of the Conventional year, caused great rejoicing and thanksgiving on the part of Southern Baptists. The Board closed its year of 1909 and 1910 clear of debt.

The territory embraced by the Home Board presents great and grave problems that must be met by Southern Baptists and faithfully solved for the glory of God. We must give the multitudes within the bounds of our Convention the sincere milk of the Word to win them for the Lord.

The Board is doing a most telling work in the number of mountain schools under its supervision. It has twenty-five schools, one hundred and thirty-five teachers, and nearly five thousand students. Seventy of the number are ministerial students.

The department of the work, known as the "Church Building Fund," is very important. But it has not received its deserved attention by Southern Baptists. "An unhoused church is like a homeless babe, doomed to weakness, suffering, and death." Four thousand five hundred churches in the bounds of the Home Mission Board are homeless.

The city and foreigner form one of the most stupendous tasks ever undertaken by the Home Board. We owe the foreign element of our large cities a duty that can only be performed in the light of the revealed **Word.**

The work in Cuba and Panama has many pleasing and prosperous features about it that are very encouraging to the Board and its workers.

Few features of Home Mission work call for wiser and more thoughtful consideration on our part than the work among negroes. Dr. E. M. Poteat has well said: "The negro is a severer

test of our loyalty to Christ than is the Chinaman in Canton; and we cannot maintain our Christian consistency while we glow with generous pity and melt to tears upon the recital of the blessings of God for the work of the negroes in Africa or Brazil and freeze to hardness on seeing with our eyes the pitiful destitution of the negroes here at home."

Last, but by no means the least work, that is being done by the Home Board is that of evangelism. For some years past the Board had for this work the able and efficient Dr. W. W. Hamilton, now of Lynchburg, Va. The Board now has the service of Dr. Weston Bruner, formerly of Texas, as its evangelist.

Your committee most earnestly recommends to the churches of the Flat River Association every phase of the work undertaken by the Home Board. C. P. RYLAND.

Discussed by author. Adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The cry of the orphan is the cry of God. The response of the people to this cry is the voice of God to the world. The Baptists of North Carolina heard this cry and the grand Orphanage at Thomasville is the response of God to the world. But this cry is not hushed. Hence enlargement and growth are the watchword of the institution. The desire and aim of all in charge, and all concerned, is to make the work more efficient and effective as the days come and go. To reach this laudable end, we must enlarge in all departments of the work as the needs may demand. This means increased contributions from year to year. But we fear no evil, for of all the objects of our Convention, we can truly say the Orphanage is the dearest to our people. Touch the Orphanage, and you touch the very heart of the Baptists of our State. Bless the Orphanage and you bless the whole Baptist brotherhood of the State. As is the heart to our body, so is the Orphanage to our Baptist body in North Carolina. Hence the pressing necessity of each member doing his full duty that every pulsation of this heart may send forth pure and healthy blood throughout the body.

Now, we offer three suggestions:

(1) Every Sunday-school take a collection once a month for the Orphanage.

(2) Every person who can possibly do so visit the Orphanage.

(3) All pray daily for it. J. A. BEAM, Committee.

Read by J. A. Beam and discussed by A. Johnson. Adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the year just passed some of the faithful ones have been called to their reward. Among the number we report the following: Bro. W. H. Green, Dexter Church; Sister Mary Brummitt, Corinth Church; Sister Mollie Wortham, Beulah Church; Sister Mamie O'Briant, Rock Grove Church; Sister Bedie Lanier,

South Oxford Church; Bro. W. T. Chandler, Amis Chapel Church; Bro. S. W. Tingen, Mt. Zion Church.

M. BLALOCK,
J. E. DUNCAN, Committee.

On motion, all names except deacon and pastors eliminated. Adopted.

Standing Committees appointed. (See page 4.)

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.

Your Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher makes the following report: Place, Rock Spring Church; time, Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1911; preacher, C. P. Ryland, Roxboro, N. C.

S. P. GENTRY,
W. N. CRITCHER,
J. T. DANIEL,
Committee.

Adopted.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Roll called and corrected as follows:

Aim Chapel—A. H. Garner, R. I. Mulchie, and S. P. Pool.
Antioch—C. H. Tapp.
Bethel—S. C. Humphries, M. S. Jones, and S. P. Gentry.
Beulah—T. H. Lingen and F. M. Daniel.
Bethany—J. A. Malone and J. T. Newton.
Bullock—William Davis and A. A. Campbell.
Concord—Otho Parham.
Corinth—J. I. Gordon and B. F. Currin.
Creedmoor—J. L. Martin.
Dexter—S. A. Green.
Enon—D. C. Frazier and J. T. Daniel.
Florence Avenue—S. M. Tarian, R. E. Amis, and J. B. Wilbourn.
Fellowship—
Grassy Creek— J. W. Winston and J. A. Yancey.
Hesters—E. H. Pruitt and L. F. Currin.
Island Creek—J. E. Jones, D. L. Woody, and J. L. Woody.
Knapp of Reeds—Pervis Tilley and E. H. Veazy.
Knott's Grove—J. E. Knott and J. F. Dean.
Mt. Zion—J. C. Howard, J. H. Jones, and J. E. Ragan.
Mill Creek—Z. T. Gentry, Yadock Slaughter, and C. A. Wrenn.
Mt. Harmony—S. E. Peed and T. K. Jones.
Mountain Creek—William Wilkerson and W. O. Parham.
Olive Grove—
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood and J. D. Brooks.
Olive Branch—W. T. Wilbourn, J. B. Beaver, and James Melton.
Peace Chapel—
Pleasant Grove—J. H. Bowling and W. A. Hester.
Poplar Creek—W. N. Critcher and E. C. Parrott.

Providence—Bob Jones and J. E. Perkins.
Roxboro—W. J. Pettigrew, J. H. Carver, and R. H. Burns.
Rock Grove—S. T. Slaughter and J. W. Wilbon.
Rock Spring—A. J. Owen and G. A. Harris.
South Oxford—J. H. Ross and A. O. Key.
Stovall—H. M. Gillis.
Sharon—W. L. Clement, W. W. Adcock, and R. D. Adcock.
Tally Ho—J. E. Duncan and S. E. Montague.

Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I beg to submit as Treasurer the following report:

Received for	Home Missions	54.08
	State Missions	41.19
	Foreign Missions	24.97
	Ministerial Education	11.55
	Ministerial Relief	14.17
	Orphanage	4.44
	Sunday School Missions	11.36
	Minute Fund	54.08
	Total	$215.86

Respectfully submitted S. C. HUMPHRIES.

Adopted.

On motion, the Clerk is instructed to give three or four pages to the Woman's Work, and the Clerk be allowed the usual compensation.

Adjournment. Song and prayer.

A. B. DUNAWAY, Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICE, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerk.	Post Office.	Time of Preaching.
Amis Chapel	P H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R.F.D. 2	A. E. Garner	Virgilina, Va	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	R. H. Jones	Roxboro, R. F. D. 5	W. A. Barton	Roxboro, R. F. D. 5	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethel			A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Beulah	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C	T. J. Smith	Oxford, R. F D. 6	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethany	W. M. Hudson	Scotsburg, Va	J. T. Newton	Rougemont, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bullock	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Corinth	E. M. Lassiter	Cary, N. C	C R. Gordon	Oxford R. F. D. 2	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Concord	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C	C. C Currin	Northside, N C	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Creedmore	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C	W. W. Freeman	Creedmoor, N C	
Dexter	R H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C	E. J. Green	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D. 5	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N C	R. M. Currin	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D. 1	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Fellowship	L. L. Hudson	Wake Forest, N. C	J D. Cannady	Creedmoor, N. C	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Florence Avenue	C. P. Ryland	Roxboro, N. C	R. E Amis	Virgilina, Va	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Grassy Creek	P. H Fountain	Woodsdale, R.F.D. 2	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C	R W. Badgett	Oxford, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Island Creek	E. D. Poe	Wake Forest N. C	H. T. Shanks	Dabney, N. C	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Knapp of Reeds	W. M. Hudson	Scotsburg, Va	E. J. Nance	Stem, N. C., R. F. D. 1	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Knott's Grove	J. A. Ellis	Wake Forest, N. C	J. W. Dean	Oxford, N. C	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Mill Creek	J. H. Bass	Republican Grove, Va	G. W. Walker	Trilby, N. C	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Mt. Zion	W. M. Hudson	Scotsburg, Va	R. H O Briant	Oxford, N. C, R.F.D. 1	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Mountain Creek	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale R.F.D. 2	G. W. Downey	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D. 1	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Harmony	J. R. Pace	Oxford, N. C	T. K. Jones	Rougemont, R.F.D. 4	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Oxford	A. B. Dunaway	Oxford, N. C	J. B. Powell	Oxford, N. C	Every Sunday.
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, N. C	W. H. Keith	Northside, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Olive Branch	T. W. Hart	Virgilina, Va	J. P Stovall	Virgilina, Va., R F.D. 5	
Peace Chapel	A. P. Gray	Wake Forest, N. C	W. H. Howell	Kittrell, N. C, R.F.D. 2	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C	R. O. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Poplar Creek			J. L. Capps	Henderson, R F. D. 5	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Providence	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va	J. E. Perkins	Roxboro, N. C	3d Saturday before.
Roxboro	C. P. Ryland	Roxboro, N C	J. A. Noell	Roxboro, N. C	2d and 4th Sundays.
Rock Grove	J. H. Gordon	Virgilina, Va	S. T. Slaughter	Roxboro, N. C., R. 2	
Rock Spring	S. C. Hilliard	Wake Forest, N. C	J. E. Owen	Clarksville, Va., R. 2	
Sharon	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C	W. A. Sherman	Berea, N. C., R.F.D. 1	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
State Line	W. L. Kyle	Henderson N. C	T. L. Sizemore	Soudan, Va	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Stovall	G. T. Tunstall	Henderson, N. C	E M. Hart	Stovall, N. C	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
South Oxford	E. G. Usry	Oxford, N. C	D. F. Lanier	Oxford, N. C	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C	W. R. Mangum	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D. 6	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Tabb's Creek	A. B. Dunaway	Oxford, N. C	J. L. Parham	Oxford, N. C	

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Restoration.	Total.	Lost by Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Total.	Gain or Loss.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis Chapel	----	4	1	5	11	----	1	12	L 7	104	108	212
Attioch	2	2	----	4	2	3	1	6	L 2	40	53	93
Beehel	7	1	4	12	10	5	4	19	L 7	73	101	174
Beulah	6	17	----	23	3	1	----	4	G 19	44	67	111
Bethany	----	----	----	----	----	----	2	2	L 2	19	32	51
Bullock	----	2	----	2	7	----	----	7	L 5	33	43	76
Concord	8	2	1	11	2	----	1	3	G 8	50	60	110
Corinth	1	3	----	4	5	----	2	7	L 2	49	77	126
Creedmoor	----	3	1	4	1	----	1	2	G 2	28	30	58
Dexter	11	6	----	17	----	----	1	1	G 16	40	41	81
Enon	----	6	----	6	11	1	2	14	L 8	76	82	158
Florence Avenue	----	4	----	4	1	----	3	4	----	46	98	114
Fellowship	----	6	----	6	3	2	----	5	G 1	36	112	148
Grassy Creek	24	5	2	31	13	3	1	17	G 14	89	96	185
Hesters	8	8	----	16	7	1	5	13	G 3	100	124	224
Island Creek	8	5	----	13	6	4	3	13	----	121	149	270
Knap of Reeds	9	13	----	22	6	1	6	13	G 9	59	75	134
Knott's Grove	6	----	----	6	3	1	1	5	G 1	39	38	77
Mt. Zion	----	3	----	3	7	2	1	10	L 7	53	94	147
Mill Creek	11	5	3	19	11	3	2	16	G 3	98	170	268
Mt. Harmony	2	2	----	4	1	1	----	2	G 2	15	39	54
Mountain Creek	----	8	3	11	15	9	3	26	L 15	109	154	263
Olive Grove	5	----	1	6	2	----	1	3	G 3	49	80	129
Oxford	7	16	----	23	24	----	----	24	L 1	200	239	439
Olive Branch	19	----	8	27	4	----	3	7	G 20	F4	62	106
Peace Chapel	4	----	----	4	11	1	----	12	L 8	38	61	99
Pleasant Grove	20	10	2	32	8	1	3	12	G 20	88	107	195
Poplar Creek	2	----	1	3	1	----	----	1	G 2	48	57	105
Providence	1	----	2	3	4	2	1	7	L 4	28	68	96
Roxboro	----	13	1	14	2	----	1	3	G 11	68	96	164
Rock Grove	4	7	1	12	2	1	1	4	G 8	17	15	32
Rock Spring	10	6	----	16	9	4	2	15	G 1	51	79	130
South Oxford	41	14	----	55	----	----	1	1	G 54	26	29	55
Stovall	9	5	2	16	5	5	3	13	G 3	79	115	194
Sharon	6	4	----	10	2	----	----	2	G 8	36	52	88
Tally Ho	19	7	3	29	3	1	2	6	G 23	66	110	176
Tabb s Creek	----	1	----	1	1	----	----	1	----	28	22	50
TOTAL	250	188	36	473	203	52	58	312	G 165	2,197	2,995	5,192

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Church.	Superintendent.	Post Office.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers.	Attendance.	Months Open.
Amis Chapel	A. D. Frazier	Virgilina, Va	7	100	150	70	12
Antioch	W. A. Barton	Roxboro, N. C	8	60	70	38	9
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, N. C	11	68	115	36	12
Beulah	E. A. Howard	Oxford, R1, N. C	7	88	100	72	12
Bethany	J. T. Newton	Rougemont, N. C					
Bullock	R A. Davis	Bullock, N. C	7	62	60	40	12
Concord	S. N. Goss	Lyons, N. C	7	40			10
Corinth	S. H. Usry	Tar River	8	90	48	48	12
Creedmoor	R. H. Rogers	Creedmoor, N. C	8	112	150	70	12
Dexter	S. A. Green	Oxford, R5, N. C	7	40	40	38	12
Enon	H. T. Hobgood	Oxford, R1, N. C	9	125	125	82	12
Florence Ave	J. T. Torian	Virgilina, Va	6	53	85	30	12
Fellowship	S. A. Cannady	Creedmoor, N. C	7	75	84	50	10
Grassy Creek	J. W. Winston	Nelson, R1, Va	6	125	100	65	12
Hesters	J. R Hobgood	Oxford, R4 N. C	9	61		45	12
Island Creek	R H. Shanks	Dabney, R1, N. C	12	150	175	125	9
Knap of Reeds	S. W. Waller	Lyons N. C	5	30	50	20	12
Knott's Grove	S. W. Knott	Oxford, R2, N. C	5	25		20	12
Mt. Zion	J. C Howard	Oxford, R1, N. C	7	95	130	60	12
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek, N. C	6	41	50	20	12
Mt. Harmony							
Mountain Crk	R. H Hart	Oxford, R7, N. C	9	93	143	63	12
Olive Grove	V. O. Tilly	North Side, N. C	6	54	70	36	10
Oxford	C. D. Ray	Oxford, N. C	16	242	350	150	12
Olive Branch							
Peace Chapel	J. W. Moss	Oxford, R3, N. C	8	48	48	40	12
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C	6	50	100	40	10
Poplar Creek	J. T. Holloway	Henderson, R5, N C	6	23	40	15	12
Providence	Thos. Bushman	Roxboro, R2, N. C	6	29	40	25	6
Roxboro	R. A. Spencer	Roxboro, N. C	12	144	290	93	12
Rock Grove	J. H Pentecost	Roxboro, N. C	6	48	54	35	12
Rock Spring	A. J. Owen	Clarksville, Va	9	86	100	60	9
South Oxford	D. F. Lanier	Oxford, N. C	10	109	126	90	12
Stovall	E M Hart	Stovall, N. C	6	75		45	12
Sharon	A. L Clement	Oxford, R4, N. C	4	27	55	25	9
Tally Ho	Ajax Walters	Oxford, R6, N. C	8	32		30	12
Tabb's Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford, R3, N. C	6	60	90	45	12
			260	2,560	3,038	1,721	382

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	State Mission.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Totals.
Amis Chapel	$200 00		$112 22	$15 00	$35 00	$55 99	$36 19	$61 00		$37 50			$11 00	$2 00	$565 90
Antioch	150 00			4 72		14 96	7 94	6 55		6 55		4 21		2 00	196 93
Bethel	200 00	$180 00	8 43	21 00	4 00	25 00	13 80	123 82		30 18	$70 00		33 00	3 25	712 48
Beulah	115 00	35 88	37 50	9 80		18 88	14 63	30 88	$2 36	28 81		3 40		2 00	299 14
Bethany	75 00		2 00			5 00	1 60	5 00	1 00	5 00	1 10	2 10		1 00	98 80
Bullock	125 00	6 00	5 00	9 60		7 61	2 60	5 57		24 48	1 55	3 22		1 00	191 63
Concord	125 00		45 25	6 00	3 19	7 82	5 40	9 35		10 30		1 94		1 00	215 25
Corinth	150 00	10 00	30 00	5 00	1 00	7 80	6 19	20 20	1 54	4 50	1 75	1 00	13 50	1 50	253 23
Creedmoor	175 00	5 00	35 00	25 00		23 71	14 49	28 42		63 00		3 00	55 85	1 25	424 72
Dexter	125 00	75 00	14 53	12 00		18 00	9 25	20 12						1 00	274 90
Enon	250 00	40 80	21 00			43 24	38 79	92 80		78 81	15 00	20 00	48 00	3 05	651 49
Florence Avenue	265 00		30 00	25 00		29 00	41 50	70 25	1 00	22 26	9 20	1 90	100 00	2 00	597 11
Fellowship	125 00		5 00	10 00		7 00	6 00	9 00		20 00		4 00			186 00
Gassy Creek	200 00		40 00		35 00	30 00	12 60	25 80		42 20	7 45	5 91	23 00	2 02	423 98
Hesters	200 00		60 00	17 00	5 10	16 45	20 00	25 50	2 44	21 80	5 00	6 95	25 00	2 00	409 24
Island Creek	200 00		91 20		6 18	38 39	30 92	33 21		30 18	6 37	5 00	3 25	1 50	446 30
Knap of Reeds	150 00		34 00	6 00		16 00	6 50	11 00		27 00	3 35			1 50	255 35
Knott's Grove	100 00		17 00	5 40		12 31	11 00	23 50	2 50	16 07	2 81	2 60	44 95	2 00	240 14
Mt. Zion	200 00			5 00		64 20	24 20	45 13	2 00	37 41	6 50	5 00	7 50	1 75	349 19
Slaughter Estate	20 00					164 47		164 48							348 95
Mill Creek	252 50	26 75	25 00	10 00	5 15	50 00	66 32	229 65	9 50	57 55	15 00	15 00	7 35	3 50	773 27
Mt. Harmony	65 00		5 00		7 00	2 00	2 00	3 60		3 00	2 00			40	90 00
Mountain Creek	225 00		35 30			51 75	21 75	48 00		69 99		6 90	27 00	2 56	488 25
Olive Grove	100 00	75 30				5 26	7 50	90		4 44				90	194 30
Oxford	1 350 00		278 00	10 00	50 00	275 10	221 13	576 00	16 53	151 27	32 10	32 50	250 00	5 00	3 287 63
Olive Branch	100 00		10 00				1 60	1 70					22 00	1 20	136 50
Peace Chapel	100 00	6 68	1 50	5 00	1 25	75				2 62			50	65	118 95
Pleasant Grove	150 00	320 00	5 00	5 00	16 42	3 41	8 50	11 00		8 67		3 82	5 00	1 00	537 82
Poplar Creek	150 00		20 00			22 47	10 00	22 47		17 47		6 26	20 05	1 50	270 22
Providence	125 00			5 00	7 00	2 00	5 00	3 75						1 00	148 75
Roxboro	500 00	62 00				42 05	43 10	52 87	4 61	103 00	13 41	5 21		3 00	789 25
Rock Grove	50 00	15 00	19 70	5 00	6 19	1 00	1 00	2 00	50	2 10		95	1 00	1 00	105 94
Rock Spring	150 00		12 00	22 50		11 71	6 30	13 20		13 68					229 39
South Oxford	100 00	700 00	18 00	55 00				11 00		22 41				1 50	906 91
Stovall	150 00	3 00	20 00	15 00	13 00		8 20			15 00	4 00	3 00	30 00	1 00	262 20
Sharon	75 00	4 25		3 12		11 50	6 00	12 00		5 12		3 00	5 00	1 20	126 19
State Line															
Tally Ho	175 00	47 58	16 95	14 18	1 80	13 43	4 39	12 34		28 75	57	4 70	12 17	1 50	333 36
Tabb's Creek	100 00	24 00	6 65	15 00		8 27	11 30	10 00		24 00		2 20		1 00	202 42
	$7 067 50	$1 637 24	$1061 23	$381 32	$197 28	1106 53	$728 19	$1 823 06	$43 98	$1040 12	$197 16	$153 97	$745 22	$59 73	$16202 08

ORDER OF BUSINESS, 1911.

Tuesday.

10:00—10:45—Introductory Sermon.
10:45—11:00—Organization.
11:00—11:30—Sunday Schools.
11:30—12:00—Periodicals.
12:00—12:30—Temperance.
12:30— 2:00—Recess.
2:00— 2:15—Miscellaneous Business.
2:15— 3:00—Foreign Missions.
3:00— 3:30—General Education.
3:30— 4:00—Ministerial Education.
4:00— 4:30—Family Prayer.
4:30— 5:00—Ministerial Relief.

Wednesday.

9:30—9:50—Devotional Exercises.
9:50—10:00—Miscellaneous.
10:00—10:15—Digest of Church Letters.
10:15—11:00—State Missions.
11:00—11:30—Woman's Work.
11:30—12:30—State of Churches, with speeches limited to five minutes.
12:30— 2:00—Recess.
2:00— 2:30—Home Missions.
2:30— 3:15—Orphanage.
3:15— 3:45—Obituaries.
3:45— 4:30—Call Roll. Correction of Minutes. Miscellaneous. Adjournment.

No extension of time to speeches recommended.

R. H. MARSH,
A. B. DUNAWAY,
F. P. HOBGOOD,
Committee.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Woman's Missionary Union

OF THE

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE MILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, MILL CREEK, N. C., JULY 13, 1910.

OFFICERS, 1910—1911.

Miss Sue Kelly.....First Vice-President
Mrs. John Webb.....Second Vice-President
Miss Evye Street.....Secretary and Treasurer

"Be instant in season and out of season."

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Baptist churches of the Flat River Association, desirous of stimulating the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children of the churches, and of aiding in the collection of funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the State Mission Board, and the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, adopt the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I.—Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Flat River Association.

ARTICLE II.—Object.

The object shall be three-fold: (1) To stimulate a broader religious development on the part of the Baptist women and girls of the Association, to train the children in Christian work, and enlist all in active, personal endeavor for the salvation of those in their own community. (2) To receive and distribute missionary information to stimulate the effort and to encourage the organization of Missionary Societies and Bands among the women, young people, boys and children. (3) To encourage the earnest, systematic co-operation of women, boys, and children in contributing money for missions at home and abroad.

ARTICLE III.—Officers.

Section 1. The officers shall be the Associational Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and a

Treasurer shall be elected annually on the last day of the Annual Session after nominations by a nominating committee.

ARTICLE IV.—Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Union shall decide.

ARTICLE VI.—Program.

The program shall be arranged by the Vice-President in conference with committee of the Society with which the Annual Meeting was held.

ARTICLE VII.—Amendments.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any Annual Meeting, one month's previous notice of proposed change having been given by the Vice-President.

BY-LAWS.

I.—ASSOCIATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Associational Vice-President shall be appointed by the Central Committee. She shall correspond with the President of the Central Committee and the officers of all Women's Missionary Societies and Children's Bands in all the churches of this Association. She shall assist the Societies in forming an Associational Union which shall meet annually. She shall be ex-officio member of the Central Committee, and shall, as frequently as possible, attend the monthly meetings of that committee. An annual meeting of the Vice-President and Presidents of the Woman's Missionary Societies within the Association shall be held during the Annual Meeting.

II.—RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account on record of the annual and special meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union. She shall send a brief account of these meetings to the Biblical Recorder.

III.—REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARY TO THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Each Woman's Missionary Society, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Sunbeam Band, and Chapter of Royal Ambassadors, shall appoint two representatives to attend the Annual Session of the Associational Union.

IV.—EXPENSE.

An Expense Fund for the expenses of this Union amounting to five cents per member shall be collected by the President of each local Society and sent to the Treasurer of said Union.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association met at 11 a. m., July 13, 1910, under a tent at Mill Creek Church during the session of the Association, Miss Sue Kelly, our President, presiding. Devotional exercises were led by the President.

Mrs. T. H. Street gave the address of welcome in behalf of the church Society and community. Mrs. J. A. Noell, of Roxboro, made the response.

This being the first real meeting of the Association, our Constitution was read by Mrs. J. D. Brooks, of Oxford.

Roll call of churches by the President and responses by delegates from W. M. S., Y. W. A., and Sunbeam Bands of said churches.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominations—Mrs. T. H. Street and Mrs. J. A. Noell.

Plans of Work—Mrs. John Webb and Mrs. C. D. Ray.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. D. Brooks and Mrs. W. D. Amis.

Rev. J. A. Beam gave us a strong plea for Foreign Missions, emphasizing the importance of training the children in the home as missionaries.

State Missions was then presented in a very forceful way by Mrs. L. D. Veazy.

This was followed by an interesting open discussion on the Forward Movement Conference.

The morning session adjourned with prayer by Miss Kelly.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Scripture Reading by Mrs. Walter Day. Prayer by Mrs. W. A. Woody.

Mrs. John Webb made a strong appeal for Home Missions, stressing personal work at home as well as abroad.

Mrs. W. D. Amis presented the Louisville Training School, showing its importance and the great work it is doing.

Mrs. C. D. Ray made a grand address on Y. W. A. work.

Mrs. S. M. Torian read a splendid paper on the Royal Ambassadors, urging the necessity of polishing the diamonds in the rough.

The Mission Study Class was ably presented by Miss Myrtle Norwood. We regretted very much the absence of some who were on the program.

The report on Plan of Work was read by Mrs. John Webb.

PLANS OF WORK FOR 1910-1911.

We, the Committee on Plan of Work, submit the following recommendations:

Finance.

(1) A suggested increase approximating twelve and one-half per cent.

(2) That the monthly dues be divided in the proportion suggested by the Central Committee, and that contributions to the Margaret Home, Louisville Training School, Bible and Expense Fund be raised and be sufficient to aggregate the amount required by the proportion suggested by the Central Committee.

(3) That each Society be urged to observe special, e. g.: Week of Prayer in January, with Christmas offerings for Foreign Mission; Self-Denial Week in March with Thanksgiving offering for Home Missions; and State Mission Day in September, with offering for State Missions.

(4) That an Expense Fund for the expenses of the Central Committee, amounting to ten cents per member, be collected and sent to Mrs. W. N. Jones in May.

Publications.

(1) We suggest that each Society, and, as far as possible, each member, take and read such periodicals as The Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field, Our Mission Fields, The Missionary Review of the World, and endeavor to stimulate interest in missions by increasing knowledge of the subject.

(2) That whenever possible, Mission Study Classes be organized and maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN WEBB,
MRS. C. D. RAY,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Mrs. T. H. Street, and was adopted.

Officers.

First Vice-President, Miss Sue Kelly, Henderson, N. C.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. John Webb, Oxford, N. C.
Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Evye Street, Mill Creek, N. C.

The Report on Resolutions was read by Mrs. J. D. Brooks and adopted.

Resolutions.

We wish to offer our thanks to the people of Mill Creek and vicinity for the cordial welcome and kind entertainment accorded us in this our first Annual Meeting of our Associational Union, and beg to offer these brief resolutions:

We wish to express our hearty thanks to each member of the Hospitality Committee, especially Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Street. We feel gratified to ushers for their kind attention, and offer thanks to each one who in any way contributed to the pleasures of this meeting.

Especially do we thank our good brethren for allowing us the use of their tent all day.

We wish to assure all of our sincere appreciation of every courtesy extended us.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. BROOKS,
MRS. W. D. AMIS,
Committee.

The session closed with prayer by our President, Miss Kelly, to meet again the second week in July, 1911.

MISS EVYE STREET, Secretary.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Amis Chapel, W. M. S., Mrs. C. W. Sneed and Miss Myrtle Norwood.

Bethel Hill, W. M. S., Mrs. W. A. Woody, Miss Maud Woody, and Mrs. Walter Day.

Florence Avenue, W. M. S., Mrs. S. M. Torian and Mrs. W. D. Amis.

Island Creek, W. M. S., Mrs. J. E. Jones and Miss Hettie Woody; Sunbeams, Miss Sue Kelly.

Knott's Grove, W. M. S., Miss Annie Lou Phipps

Roxboro, W. M. S., Mrs. J. A. Noell and Mrs. L. D. Veazy; Y. W. A. Miss Myrtle Barnett; Sunbeams, Mary Cheek.

Mt. Zion, Sunbeams, Miss Daniel.

Oxford, W. M. S., Mrs. John Webb and Mrs. J. D. Brooks; Y. W. A., Mrs. C. D. Ray.

Miss Creek, W. M. S., Miss Sallie Montague and Miss Evye Street

Rocky Grove, W. M. S., Mrs. S. R. Parham.

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION

Flat River Baptist Association

ROCK SPRING CHURCH
JULY 11, 12, 1911

Moderator—P. H. FONTAINE, Woodsdale, N. C., R. F, D. 2.
Clerk—J. C. HOWARD, Oxford, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Treasurer LEWIS CLARK, Virgilina, Va., R. F. D.

Next Session meets with Florence Avenue Baptist Church, on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1912

Introductory Sermon by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, Oxford, N. C.

CONSTITUTION FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any refletcion on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions—T. H. Street.

Delegates to Southern Convention—C. P. Ryland.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—J. C. Howard, J. B. Weatherspoon, and T. H. Street.

Executive Board—Messrs. T. H. Street, Pervis Tilley, and Millington Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Atkinson, Rev. J. W.....Neuse, N. C.
Bass, Rev. J. H.....Republican Grove, Va.
Bass, Rev. S. A.....Woodsdale, N. C.
Fontaine, Rev. P. H.....R. 2, Woodsdale, N. C.
Gordon, Rev. J. H.....Virginia, Va.
Hudson, Rev. W. M.....Scottsburg, Va.
Lassiter, Rev. E. M.....Cary, N. C.
Martin, Rev. J. L.....Creedmoor, N. C.
Marsh, Rev. R. H.....Oxford, N. C.
Nelson,. Rev. E. R.....Kittrell, N. C.
Powell, Rev. R. E.....Blanch, N. C.
Powell, Rev. E. D.....Blanche, N. C.
Rylan, Rev. C. P.....Roxboro, N. C.
Stradley, Rev. J. A.....Oxford, N. C.
Spaulding, Rev. J. H.....Henderson, N. C.
Tunstall, Rev. G. T.....Henderson, N. C.
Trueblood, Rev. C. H.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Usry, Rev. E. G.....Oxford, N. C.
Weatherspoon, Rev. J. B.....Oxford, N. C.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Jones, Rev. R. H.....R. 5, Roxboro, N. C.
Devin, Rev. R. I.....Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions, State Missions, Home Missions } W. A. Devin.
Periodicals—J. L. Martin.
Education—J. B. Weatherspoon.
Orphanage—E. R. Nelson.
Sunday Schools—Sunday School Committee.
Temperance—J. H. Spaulding.
Ministerial Relief—T. H. Street.
Woman's Work—C. P. Ryland.
Family Prayer—B. F. Hester.
Obituaries—E. G. Usry.
Order of Business, 1912 } F. P. Hobgood. J. B. Weatherspoon. J. A. Stradley.

PROCEEDINGS.

Rock Spring Church, July 11-12, 1911.

The Flat River Association meets in the one hundred and eighteenth annual session. Introductory sermon preached by Rev. C. P. Ryland. Subject: "Soul-Winning."

In the absence of the former Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk.

On motion, P. H. Fontaine was elected Moderator, J. C. Howard re-elected Clerk, Lewis Clark, Treasurer.

Roll of churches called, and the messengers responded with their respective church letters.

Vistors E. L. Middleton, A. L. Betts, Professor Noffsinger, and Rev. Morgan, of Henderson, recognized and welcomed.

The Moderator appoints the pastor and deacons of this church a Committee on Religious Exercises.

New pastors recognized and welcomed—Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, Oxford; Rev. E. R. Nelson, Kittrell; Rev. J. H. Spaulding, Henderson.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee to whom was referred the Report on Sunday Schools for the year ending July, 1911, beg leave to present the following report:

Of the thirty-seven churches in the Flat River Association, all are reported as having evergreen, active and aggressive schools except four. All except eight made a full report to this Association at its 1910 session.

The Sunday-schools are under the wise management of thirty-five of the best men that can be found in the churches of our Association. To be the faithful superintendent of a Baptist Church Sunday-school is to fill next to the highest office that lies within the reach of a Christian man.

Your committee does not see any good reason why this noble body of Christian men should not have an annual meeting for the purpose of exchanging ideas concerning the work and to devise the best possible plans for the highest interest of the local school.

The Sunday-schools of this Association report a membership of two thousand five hundred, and a regular attendance of one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one. Twenty-seven of the churches contributed, or rather reported, a contribution of $381.32.

Your committee urges a forward movement on the part of our schools, in regular attendance, in teaching and in the train-

ing of the scholars in the interest and knowledge of Him who knoweth all things. So far as it is possible, let the superintendent and teachers urge the work of grading their schools. Because much of the future progress and prosperity that we hope will soon come to our churches must come through our Sunday-schools.

May the blessings of God and the guidance of the wise providence ever abide with the Sunday-schools of the Flat River Association.

Respectfully submitted, C. P. RYLAND.

Discussed by the author and E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In the absence of the committee to make this report, the discussion is begun by A. L. Betts, and continued by A. C. Parham, on extension of time.

No Report on Temperance, owing to absence of committee, but Brother Stradley is called on to speak, which he did effectively. Further discussed by P. H. Fontaine, A. L. Betts, J. S. Royster, and E. R. Nelson.

Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises.

On motion by T. H. Street, the length of time of the Association is extended one-half day.

On motion, the clerk is instructed to keep a file of minutes and get as many back numbers as possible.

On motion, the Assocation requests the Moderator to appoint a Sunday School Committee for the Association.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To get at the ultimate origin of world-wide missions we have to go back of all history to that period when there was only God, the Father, Son and Spirit. In that Holy Trinity was held the first conference concerning the redemption of the world. The plan was conceived there, and there the first gift was made—the Son Himself, the unspeakable gift of God's love. The Lamb was "slain from the foundation of the world."

In the fulness of time He came. "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." To this he added a new revelation, one which Judaism had not caught in any real way: He said to His followers: "Ye are the light of the world." He indicated not only the Christians' function as light-bearers, but the sphere of their activity also as all the world, from their city to the utter-

most part of the earth. The missionary conception was God's; the preparation of the way and the message was in the Son through His death on the cross; the spreading of this good news of salvation was committed to His disciples with an unconditional command to a universal work.

The first generation of believers took up the task. The work has cost much in persecution, suffering even unto death, and sacrifice untold, but withal the enterprise has prospered; the walls of nations have been broken down; in extension we have reached the uttermost part of the earth. The task, however, is far from finished. The harvest still is great, the laborers are few, and there is a call to prayer and self-surrender. The harvest is very ripe, but the laborers are not well equipped and there is a call to give, to sacrifice in giving, that the garner of God may not be wanting. The world is crying for our Gospel and our Saviour, but we are ignorant of its cry. Let us, therefore, study to know the need that finds expression each month in the organs of our Southern Baptist, and State Conventions, and our hearts will be enlarged.

There is ample room for enlargement. In our Association there are thirty-eight churches, three of which reported nothing for Foreign Missions last year. There are 5,192 members of our churches whose contributions last year amounted to $1,823.06, or an average per member of less than three cents a month. During the year now ending there has been a notable increase in some of our churches, and we look for larger efforts in answer to the call which we have received through the layman's campaign. We recommend—

(1) A study of "The Lord's Financial Plan" as presented in a series of articles in the Biblical Recorder beginning with the number of June 21st. (These articles are from the pen of Brother Livingston Johnson.)

(2) A study of missions in organized classes.

(3) Prayer and Bible study for personal leading in what we do for missions; and, lastly,

We recommend that we be dissatisfied with what we have already done.

J. B. WEATHERSPOON,
For the Committee.

Discussed by the author and W. A. Devin. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is an important part of the work of the churches. Every Christian should actively and liberally support schools that are conducted under Christian influence. Wake Forest College, Oxford College, Meredith College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary are most worthy of the support of the churches of the Flat River Association.

According to the last annual report of the Board of Education there were at Wake Forest seventy men, preparing for the ministry and four for the work of medical missions. Of this number,

sixty ministers and two medical missionaries were receiving aid from the Board of Education. The financial report was:

Balance from last year	$807.34
Collected	5,068.61
Paid out	4,518.37
Balance on hand	$1,357.58

There were twenty-five male and three female students from North Carolina at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

P. H. FONTAINE, Committee.

Discussed by the author. At this point announcement was made of the death of Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest. Special prayer was offered by Brother Stradley, and this body directed J. H. Spaulding to wire condolence to the bereaved family.

Education further discussed by E. L. Middleton. Adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

We believe there is no greater agency for good in our Christian homes than the family altar. We believe also that family prayer is being neglected too much in our homes at the present time. We recommend that we, as the people of God, have family prayer in our homes.

J. L. MARTIN, Committee.

Discussed by the author. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

God having given directions to Moses for the building of the Tabernacle and for the sacrifices and offerings required in His service, showed His purpose that His anointed priests should be sustained by the people. We find the same is taught in the Gospels. Paul has mentioned it in every one of his letters, telling us that God has ordained "That they which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel."

Old preachers and those who have been disqualified for active services by disease are certainly preachers still, and it is still their due. If you believe the Bible, do what He says and show your love for Him.

Submitted, B. F. HESTER.

Discussed by B. F. Hester and T. H. Street. Adopted.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by E. R. Nelson.

Miscellaneous: On motion, the three objects of Missions—State, Home, and Foreign—are combined into one report, with a leader for the discussion of each.

The Moderator appoints W. J. Royster, E. G. Usry, and J. S. Pool Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the next session.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

By State Missions is meant the carrying out the great commission in North Carolina. The Master said: "Ye are to be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem and all Judea." The second work that the disciples did was the evangelizing of Judea, which in our language means State Mission work.

The State Mission Board as a little leaven in the whole lump has been steadily at work in North Carolina for eighty years, during which time untold results have been accomplished. It has been estimated that more than one-half our churches owe their existence to the State Mission Board.

In one Association (the Tar River) thirty years' mission work has resulted in growth from twenty-five churches with 2,500 members to 110 churches with 12,000 members. The South Oxford church, in the Flat River Association, which two years ago consisted of fourteen members without a church building of any kind, by the aid of the Board has grown to eighty-one members, having added fifty-six by baptism—forty-one last year and fifteen this year. A Sunday-school which last year had an enrollment of 119, with an average attendance of 90 for the whole year, and a Woman's Missionary Society of thirteen members, have erected a convenient and attractive house of worship, completed, and all paid for except $350, which will be paid when dedicated. And what has been accomplished here is but a faint specimen of what is being done by the Board all over the State. Yet there remaineth very much land to be taken; indeed the demands on the Board are more pressing than ever before, because the needs for Christian work multiply with the growth of population and population is increasing with our increasing industrial development. The opportunity of preaching the Gospel in many new and growing mill and factory towns means an opportunity to preach it to many poor and ignorant people who will gladly hear it, be saved and develop self-sustaining churches. The demand for missionary and houses of worship in factory towns was never so great as it is now; and the destitution in the rural mission districts is almost, if not quite, as distressing as in the towns.

In Pamlico County we have only four churches with a membership of 123, and but two houses of worship. In Hyde County we have not an organized Baptist church to-day, though there is a prospect for one. In Beaufort County, with a population of more than 30,000, we have only six Baptist churches, with a membership of 288, and it is said if all denominations were included, the showing would be but little better. In the town of Washington, with 10,000 inhabitants, there are 6,000 white persons, and not more than 1,600 are members of any church, and it has been stated that the entire county of Brunswick should be regarded as a mission field, and the same is almost true of Bladen.

So it can be seen that though much has been accomplished, yet much remains to be done in our own State, and may God help us to be faithful and earnest in this our great opportunity.

One of our needs is a regular weekly system of giving. "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him."

Respectfully submitted, E. G. USRY.

Discussed by its author and J. A. Stradley.

A letter from Livingston Johnson read, regretting his absence from the Association.

State Missions further discussed by B. F. Hester, T. H. Street, and A. C. Parham. Adopted.

RESOLUTION ON WOMAN'S WORK.

A resolution was offered by C. P. Ryland, recommending the Woman's work:

Resolved, That the pastors and delegates of the Flat River Association do all in their power to encourage and help in every way possible, the superlative work of our women in our churches.

Discussed by C. P. Ryland and J. H. Spaulding.

F. P. Hobgood allowed to make a partial Report on Digest of Church Letters, showing the effect of Laymen's Movement in churches holding such meetings.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Roll called. All messengers present respond for their respective churches, and all reporting conditions favorable.

F. P. Hobgood offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That we have heard with thankfulness the reports of the increase of contributions to missions and other objects, and that we again urge our churches to appoint strong Missionary Committees whose duty it shall be to try to secure a contribution from every member of the church for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Adopted.

Dr. Wall representing Liberty-Piedmont Institute recognized and welcomed to seat.

Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher report.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.

Your Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting, beg leave to report, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1912, the time, Florence Avenue the place, Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon the preacher, with Rev. E. R. Nelson, alternate.

Submitted, W. J. ROYSTER,
E. G. USRY,
J. S. POOL,
Committee.

On motion, the report is amended by striking out October and first Sunday and substituting July and second Sunday.

After being discussed, the report is adopted as amended.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Brother Street forgot, hence the Association requires him to write the report later, but open the discussion now. Further discussed by J. B. Weatherspoon.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

This noble institution is now twenty-six years old. John H. Mills, who was the originator of the Oxford Masonic and State Orphanage, was also the beginner of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. Starting these two Orphanages, and putting them on a firm basis, puts the name of John H. Mills high up in the list of North Carolina's greatest men. No name will live longer and deserves to be more honored than his.

The Oxford Orphanage is supported by the Masonic fraternity, by the State, and by charitable contributions.

The Thomasville Orphanage gets no Masonic or State aid. It asks for none. It is supported alone by charitable contributions. While it is the largest Orphanage in the State, yet so wise has been its management, and so noble its work, that the people have voluntarily given it a liberal support.

But the work needs to be enlarged. The buildings are too few and some too small. The children already there are crowded too much. More orphans ought to be there, and would be there, if there was room to take them. A new building, called the "West Chowan Building," is going up. This will make the eleventh building. But more are needed. More than twelve hundred orphan children have been helped by this institution. But for this school, many of these children, no doubt, would have grown up in ignorance and vice, and would have become criminals instead of good citizens and Christians. These children receive such training as will help them to live respectable, useful lives. They are taught to be obedient, respectful, cleanly. They are given a good common English education. The boys are taught to be farmers, mechanics, shoe-makers, printers, etc. The girls are trained in cooking, laundry work, needle work, and housekeeping. All are daily trained in morality and the fundamental principles of Christianity.

We are glad to report our Orphanage in excellent condition—in health, harmony, and financially.

We rejoice that so many of our churches are taking monthly collections for the Orphanage. We hope all will do it. It is a pleasant, easy, successful way to raise money for this object.

We recommend our people and churches to take Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper. It is one of the best in the State. To single subscribers it is $1.00 a year; to clubs of ten, 60 cents a year per copy.

J. A. STRADLEY.

Discussed by the author, F. P. Hobgood, and W. H. Kimball. Adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Only one deacon, Bro. J. S. Winfree, Florence Avenue, having died during the past year.

Roll of delegates called and corrected.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I wish to submit the following report as Treasurer for this session:

State Missions	$29.36
Home Missions	41.94
Foreign Missions	11.35
Orphanage	5.00
Ministerial Education	1.00
Ministerial Relief	8.85
Sunday School Missions	1.50
Minute Fund	49.90
Total	$148.90

LEWIS CLARK, Treasurer.

Treasurer instructed to pay the Clerk the usual fee, pay for Minutes, and the other to the State Treasurer.

Standing Committees appointed. See page 2.)

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body, by a rising vote, extend its deep and sincere appreciation and thanks to this church and the entire community for its superb and superlative kindness and hospitality extended to us during this meeting of our body.

Submitted, C. P. RYLAND.

The Moderator appoints J. B. Weatherspoon, Reuben Hart, J. C. Howard, R. A. Spencer, and A. J. Crutchfield as the Sunday School Committee.

Adjournment. Song. Prayer.

P. H. FONTAINE, Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

Note.—All Standing Committees will please write their reports before coming to the Association on fool's-cap paper, and as far as possible have them condensed into facts and figures, leaving all **preambles** and **preludes** to go into the opening speeches, so that time and space may be saved in the Minutes.

Respectfully, J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICE, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerk.	Post Office.	Time of Preaching.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R.F.D. 2	A. E. Garner	Virgilina, Va.	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	E. G. Usry	Oxford, N. C.	W. A. Barton	Roxboro, R.F.D. 5	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, R.F.D. 2	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Beulah	J. A. Stradley	Oxford N. C.	T. J. Smith	Oxford, R.F.D. 6	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethany	W. M. Hudson	Scotsburg, Va.	J. T. Newton	Rougemont, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bullock	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Corinth	C. H. Trueblood	Wake Forest, N. C.	S. H. Usry	Oxford, R.F.D. 2	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Concord	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C.	C. C. Currin	Northside, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Creedmoor	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C.	W. W. Freeman	Creedmoor, N. C.	
Dexter	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	E. J. Green	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D. 5	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	R. M. Currin	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D. 1	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Fellowship	E. M. Lassiter	Cary, N. C.	J. D. Cannady	Creedmoor, N. C.	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Florence Avenue	C. P. Ryland	Roxboro, N. C.	R. E. Amis	Virgilina, Va.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R.F.D. 2	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va.	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	R. W. Badgett	Oxford, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Island Creek	E. R. Nelson	Kittrell, N. C.	H. T. Shanks	Dabney, N. C.	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Knap of Reeds	W. M. Hudson	Scotsburg, Va.	E. J. Nance	Stem, N. C., R.F.D. 1	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Knott's Grove	G. T. Tunstall	Henderson, R.F.D. 2	J. W. Dean	Oxford, N. C.	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Mill Creek	J. H. Bass	Republican Grove, Va.	G. W. Walker	Trilby, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Mt. Zion	W. M. Hudson	Scotsburg, Va.	A. H. Blalock	Stem, N. C., R.F.D. 2	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Mountain Creek	P. H. Fountain	Woodsdale, R.R.D. 2	R. T. Eakes	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D. 1	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Harmony	E. G. Usry	Oxford, N. C.	T. K. Jones	Rougemont, R.F.D. 4	4th Saturday and Sunday before.
Oxford	J. B. Weatherspoon	Oxford, N. C.	B. F. Taylor	Oxford, N. C.	Every Sunday.
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, N. C.	W. H. Keith	Northside, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Olive Branch	S. A. Bass	Woodsdale, N. C.	J. P. Stovall	Virgilina, Va., R.F.D. 5	
Peace Chapel	R. E. Powell	Blanch, N. C.	W. H. Howell	Kittrell, N. C., R.F.D. 2	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C.	R. O. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Poplar Creek	E. R. Nelson	Kittrell, N. C.	J. L. Capps	Henderson, R.F.D. 5	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Providence	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va.	J. E. Perkins	Roxboro, N. C.	3d Saturday before.
Roxboro	C. P. Ryland	Roxboro, N. C.	J. A. Noell	Roxboro, N. C.	2d and 4th Sundays.
Rock Grove	J. H. Gordon	Virgilina, Va.	S. T. Slaughter	Roxboro, N. C., R. 2	
Rock Spring	J. H. Spaulding	Henderson, N. C.	J. E. Owen	Clarksville, Va., R. 2	
Sharon	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	W. A. Sherman	Berea, N. C., R.F.D. 1	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
State Line	E. D. Powell		T. L. Sizemore	Soudan, Va.	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Stovall	G. T. Tunstall	Henderson, N. C.	E. M. Hart	Stovall, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
West Oxford	E. G. Usry	Oxford, N. C.	D. F. Lanier	Oxford, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C.	W. R. Mangum	Oxford, N. C., R.F.D. 6	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Tabb's Creek	J. B. Weatherspoon	Oxford, N. C.	J. L. Parham	Oxford, N. C.	

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Churches.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Restoration.	Total.	Lost by Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Total.	Gain or Loss.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis Chapel	15	4	2	21	5	3	1	9	G 12	106	118	224
Antioch	----	2	----	2	1	3	----	4	L 2	38	53	91
Bethel	3	2	1	6	4	2	----	6	------	71	103	174
Beulah	17	6	1	24	1	3	3	7	G 17	54	76	130
Bethany	----	2	----	2	1	1	----	2	------	19	34	53
Bullock	4	2	----	6	2	1	----	3	G 3	33	47	80
Concord	----	4	----	4	1	----	1	2	G 2	46	57	103
Corinth	3	2	1	6	3	1	2	6	------	44	65	109
Creedmoor	13	5	1	19	1	----	----	1	G 18	41	37	78
Dexter	2	2	----	4	11	3	1	15	L 11	30	39	69
Enon	18	6	----	24	4	1	2	7	G 17	87	87	174
Florence Avenue	4	----	3	7	3	----	7	10	L 3	40	68	108
Fellowship	5	5	1	11	5	----	3	8	G 3	36	106	142
Grassy Creek	----	2	1	3	12	2	1	15	L 12	85	90	175
Hesters	11	10	1	22	2	----	2	4	G 18	104	133	237
Island Creek	11	8	1	20	1	3	2	6	G 14	127	158	285
Knap of Reeds	----	1	----	1	----	----	2	2	L 1	60	73	133
Knott's Grove	6	5	----	11	8	----	----	8	G 3	38	42	80
Mt. Zion	32	3	4	39	5	3	----	8	G 31	67	100	167
Mill Creek	10	6	2	18	3	7	3	13	G 5	110	177	287
Mt. Harmony	11	----	1	12	----	----	----	----	G 12	18	45	63
Mountain Creek	28	4	1	33	15	4	5	24	G 9	120	152	272
Olive Grove	6	2	----	8	1	----	1	2	G 6	50	82	132
Oxford	27	5	----	32	30	----	4	34	L 2	160	241	401
Olive Branch	5	----	1	6	2	----	5	7	L 1	59	55	114
Peace Chapel	4	----	----	4	1	----	2	3	G 1	36	64	100
Pleasant Grove	31	2	----	33	2	----	1	3	G 30	100	122	222
Poplar Creek	----	----	----	----	4	----	1	5	L 5	45	55	100
Providence	30	3	2	35	5	5	1	11	G 24	38	75	113
Roxboro	1	2	----	3	4	----	----	4	L 1	62	88	150
Rock Grove	5	3	1	9	----	1	----	1	G 8	21	20	41
Rock Spring	----	1	----	1	----	1	1	2	L 1	52	67	119
State Line	----	----	4	4	3	4	1	8	L 4	26	67	93
Stovall	5	2	5	12	2	4	1	7	G 5	75	115	190
Sharon	7	1	----	8	4	1	1	6	G 2	39	52	91
Tally Ho	11	12	----	23	8	3	3	14	G 9	63	116	179
Tabb's Creek	12	5	----	17	3	----	----	3	G 14	34	32	66
West Oxford	15	14	1	30	----	----	1	1	G 29	36	45	81
Totals	352	133	35	520	157	56	58	271	G 249	2,270	3,156	5,426

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Church.	Superintendent.	Post Office.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers.	Attendance.	Months Open.
Amis Chapel	A. D. Frazier	Virgilina, Va.	7	100	135	50	12
Antioch	C. H. Tapp	Roxboro, R5, N. C.	5	60	80	40	9
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, N. C.	9	75	100	40	12
Beulah	E. A. Howard	Oxford, R1, N. C.	7	105	111	76	12
Bethany							
Bullock	R. A. Davis	Bullock, N. C.	6	55	60	50	12
Concord	W. E. Morgan	Lyons, N. C.	7	45		35	10
Corinth	J. A. Overton	Oxford, R2, N. C.	7	40	47	38	12
Creedmoor	R. H. Rogers	Creedmoor, N. C.	9	80	100	60	12
Dexter	S. A. Green	Oxford, R5, N. C.	7	56	72	35	12
Enon	H. T. Hobgood	Oxford, R1, N. C.	9	126	100	82	12
Florence Ave.	J. T. Torian	Virgilina, Va.	7	50	75	30	12
Fellowship	Graham Mangum	Creedmoor, N. C.	7	75	100	50	9
Grassy Creek	W. E. Yancey	Nelson, Va.	6	98	105	75	12
Hesters	B. F. Dean	Oxford, R4, N. C.	10	70	75	60	12
Island Creek	R. C. Short	Henderson, R3, N. C.	6	150	160	100	9
Knap of Reeds	S. W. Waller	Steele, N. C.	7	50	56	30	12
Knott's Grove	S. W. Knott	Oxford, R2, N. C.	6	42	50	38	12
Mt. Zion	J. C. Howard	Oxford, R1, N. C.	7	100	130	65	12
Mill Creek*	T. H. Street	Mill Creek, N. C.	9	100	75	50	12
Mt. Harmony	T. K. Jones	Moriah, N. C.	2	21	11	15	6
Mountain Creek	R. S. Hart	Oxford, R7, N. C.	7	93	125	58	12
Olive Grove	V. O. Tilly	Northside, N. C.	7	44	42	25	12
Oxford	C. D. Ray	Oxford, N. C.	16	271	400	160	12
Olive Branch	J. R. Beaver	Mill Creek, N. C.	2	15			
Peace Chapel	J. W. Moss	Oxford, R3, N. C.	7	44	46	35	12
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C.	8	81	200	60	9
Poplar Creek	J. T. Holloway	Henderson, R5, N. C.	6	6	143	10	6
Providence	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro, R5, N. C.	6	86	66	60	6
Roxboro	R. A. Spencer	Roxboro, N. C.	12	145	180	90	12
Rock Grove	J. L. Long	Roxboro, R5, N. C.	6	54	50	28	12
Rock Spring	A. J. Owen	Clarksville, R1, Va.	8	80	100	55	9
State Line	Wilson Wilson	Soudan, Va.	5	40	125	26	9
Stovall	D. M. Stovall	Stovall, N .C.	6	69	75	45	12
Sharon	W. A. Sherman	Berea, R1, N. C.	4	36	40	25	9
Tally Ho	Ajax Walters	Oxford, R6, N. C.	9	45	75	41	12
Tabbs' Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford, R3, N. C.	8	50	75	37	12
West Oxford	D. F. Lanier	Oxford, N. C.	10	126	150	95	12
Totals			267	2,783		1,869	

*Two schools.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Totals.
Amis Chapel	$ 200.00	$	$19.70	$	$39.55	$ 52.80	$36.36	$ 54.19	$	$ 21.26	$	$	$ 10.10	$2.00	$ 435.96
Antioch	150.00	9.22	10.00	5.00		15.43	6.95	15.10		6.55		5.75		2.50	226.50
Bethel	200.00		2.00	20.00	6.00	25.00	12.00	87.09		34.50		4.56	46.43	3.00	440.58
Beulah	125.00	62.67		10.72		21.23	19.23	32.55		35.00		4.70	101.71	2.00	414.81
Bethany	75.00		16.00			6.00	6.00	7.50		3.35		2.00	2.16	1.00	119.01
Bullock	125.00			11.37	6.41	2.40	3.75	6.50		25.82	1.00	3.10		1.50	186.85
Concord	125.00		47.35	6.00		3.00	6.00		8.55	12.20				1.00	209.10
Corinth	150.00					4.50	3.00	15.22		3.92				1.00	178.39
Creedmoor	175.00		58.25			21.40	25.12	42.50	1.50	41.97	5.00	9.00	150.75	1.75	532.24
Dexter	125.00	25.00	7.00	12.00	13.22	15.00	11.12	20.11		6.57			81.30	1.00	317.32
Enon	250.00	14.89	210.30			40.36	42.76	112.79		89.15	22.50	10.25	50.00	2.40	845.40
Florence Avenue	265.00		40.00	15.00		29.50	38.97	39.68		14.70	7.32	6.15		2.00	458.32
Fellowship	125.00			10.00		3.44	6.76	6.54						.75	152.49
Grassy Creek	200.00			9.00		30.60	10.90	30.60		47.57	5.88	17.75		2.50	354.80
Hesters	200.00			15.00		15.00	21.07	30.30		28.28	13.45	10.40	60.00	2.00	395.50
Island Creek	260.00		1.75		8.59	20.98	10.72	26.52		8.29	4.67	2.67	107.17	1.85	453.21
Knap of Reeds	150.00		24.33	6.00		20.55	6.00	13.56	1.00	28.14		2.50		1.60	253.68
Knott's Grove	150.00		6.10	5.25	10.00	25.18	18.43	23.00		19.39	1.92	3.48	21.70	1.20	285.65
Mt. Zion	200.00		18.00	5.56		34.81	33.52	38.90		36.96	4.15	5.25	140.60	1.50	519.25
Slaughter Estate						167.77		167.78							335.55
Mill Creek	250.00	21.16	25.00	18.00	4.70	51.50	37.65	210.40	9.35	40.00	9.00	9.00	47.67	3.00	736.43
Mt. Harmony						1.50								.40	1.90
Mountain Creek	225.00			8.00		60.42	25.78	63.20		68.02		8.00	35.25	3.00	496.67
Olive Grove	100.00					.95	.95	1.85		5.85				.70	110.30
Oxford	1,350.00	52.50	200.00	50.00	90.50	252.54	198.47	637.66		277.59	7.10	32.50	130.00	5.00	3,283.82
Olive Branch	100.00					4.36	6.35	6.35						1.25	118.31
Peace Chapel	100.00					2.41		2.65		7.35			89.19	1.00	202.60
Pleasant Grove	175.00	85.00	5.00	5.00		8.35	10.85	13.46		3.80		3.11			309.57
Poplar Creek	200.00					15.78	13.25	23.72		14.63			2.00	1.80	271.18
Providence	125.00	10.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	1.50		4.33		.50		1.45	164.78
Roxboro	500.00			29.28		36.50	51.20	119.65	2.00	77.29	7.43	5.50	19.45	2.00	850.30
Rock Grove	50.00		18.00	6.00	6.45	2.25	4.05	6.20	2.07	1.00				1.00	97.02
Rock Spring	240.00		96.15	12.00	18.25	6.05	6.13	7.35	2.75	10.00	6.80	4.00		1.50	410.98
Stovall	150.00	1.00	30.00	12.00	19.00	12.11	18.64	40.50	3.00	7.39	5.32	3.70	59.83	1.50	363.99
Sharon	75.00			3.00		14.25	8.50	13.25		14.56		2.50	21.40	2.00	154.46
State Line	125.00	35.00		7.00	75.00	3.00	1.80	4.63	1.70	12.00	.66			1.50	267.29
Tally Ho	175.00	4.51	63.85	14.90	12.17	10.25	7.25	12.25		47.65	1.85	2.00		2.00	353.68
Tabb's Creek	100.00			15.00		9.00	5.00	10.00		12.00			85.00	1.00	237.00
West Oxford	100.00	261.69	32.33	68.00	3.85	8.40	3.25	3.00		26.00			13.45	1.50	521.47
Totals	$7,390.00	$582.64	$935.11	$383.08	$323.69	$1,056.57	$719.78	$1,948.90	$ 31.92	$1,093.08	$104.05	$158.37	$ 1,275.16	$64.15	$16,066.36

ORDER OF BUSINESS, 1912.

Tuesday.

10:00—10:45—Introductory Sermon.
10.45—11:00—Organization.
11:00—11:45—Sunday Schools.
11:45—12:30—Periodicals.
12:30— 2:00—Recess.
2:00— 2:15—Miscellaneous.
2:15— 2:45—General Education.
2:45— 3:15—Ministerial Education.
3:15— 3:45—Ministerial Relief.
3:45— 4:15—Temperance.
4:15— 4:45—Family Prayer.

Wednesday.

9:30— 9:50—Devotional Exercises.
9:50—10:00—Miscellaneous.
10:00—12:30—Missions, State, Home, and Foreign.
12:30— 2:00—Recess.
2:00— 2:30—Digest of Church Letters.
2:30— 3:15—Orphanage.
3:15— 4:15—State of Churches.
4:15— 4:45—Woman's Work.

Thursday.

9:30—10:00—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—10:30—Obituaries.
10:30—11:00—Roll Call.
11:00—11:30—Correction of Minutes.
11:30—12:00—Miscellaneous.

F. P. HOBGOOD,
J. A. STRADLEY,
J. B. WEATHERSPOON,
Committee.

STRADLEY—1832—1912.

Memorial Service.

During the past Associational year the beloved and honored Rev. Joshua Addison Stradley completed his earthly labors and on the 13th day of February, 1912, entered into everlasting rest. Brother Stradley was born March 17, 1832; came to Oxford in 1865; was a member of the Association forty-seven years. He organized the churches at Cary's Chapel, Rock Spring, Stovall, Beulah, and several colored churches. As pastor, he has served most of the churches of the Association. He was pastor of Amis Chapel thirty years, Island Creek twenty-seven years, and Stovall eleven years. He was a regular attendant at the Association, and the loss of his wise counsel will be deeply felt. While we mourn his death, we thank God that this good man lived and wrought among us.

Respectfully submitted, E. G. USRY, Committee.

Memorial services held in honor of Rev. J. A. Stradley, deceased, conducted by R. H. Marsh, who spoke freely and touchingly of the character, life and works of the man.

The list of churches read, which had contributed sums of money to the Memorial Fund, with which it is intended to erect a monument at the grave of our deceased brother, the Flat River Association thereby doing itself honor, and showing its living appreciation by thus perpetuating his memory. Still other churches subscribed. Dr. Cullom asked that Rolesville Church, in the Central Association, be permitted to contribute $10.00. Request was granted.

Resolved, That the Association heartily endorse the movement to erect a monument to the memory of Bro. J. A. Stradley in the name of the Association, and that the Moderator appoint a committee, consisting of R. H. Marsh, L. Thomas, and J. B. Weatherspoon to receive funds and erect this monument at the grave of our deceased and dearly beloved brother.

Adopted.

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions—T. H. Street.

Delegates to Southern Convention—J. B. Weatherspoon.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—J. C. Howard, P. H. Fontaine, and J. L. Martin.

Executive Board—Messrs. T. H. Street, Pervis Tilley, and Millintgon Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Atkinson, Rev. J. W.....Neuse. N. C.
Bass, Rev. J. H.....Republican Grove, Va.
Bass, Rev. S. A.....Woodsdale, N. C.
Fontaine, Rev. P. H.....R. 2, Woodsdale, N. C.
Gordon, Rev. J. H.....Virgilina, Va.
Hudson, Rev. W. M.....Scottsburg, Va.
Lassiter, Rev. E. M.....Cary, N. C.
Martin, Rev. J. L.....Creedmoor, N. C.
Marsh, Rev. R. H.....Oxford, N. C.
Nelson, Rev. E. R.....Kittrell, N. C.
Powell, Rev. R. E.....Blanch, N. C.
Putnam, Rev. D. F.....Roxboro, N. C.
Spaulding, Rev. J. H.....Raleigh, N. C.
Tunstall, Rev. G. T.....Henderson, N. C.
Trueblood, Rev. C. H.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Usry, Rev. E. G.....Oxford, N. C.
Weatherspoon, Rev. J. B.....Oxford, N. C.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Jones, Rev. R. H.....R. 5, Roxboro, N. C.
Devin, Rev. R. I.....Oxford, N. C.
Currin, Rev. Joe B.....Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—J. B. Weatherspoon.
State Missions—R. H. Marsh.
Home Missions—W. A. Devin.
} Reports by J. B. Weatherspoon.

Periodicals—A. C. Parham.
Education—D. F. Putnam.
Orphanage—G. T. Tunstall.
Sunday Schools—Sunday School Committee.
Temperance—W. M. Hudson.
Ministerial Relief—F. P. Hobgood.
Woman's Work—E. R. Nelson.
Family Prayer—W. A. McFarland.
Obituaries—T. H. Street.
Order of Business, 1913—F. P. Hobgood.
L. Thomas.
E. G. Usry.

PROCEEDINGS.

Virgilina, Va, July 16-17, 1912

The Flat River Association meets in the one hundred and nineteenth annual session.

Introductory Sermon by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon.

Former Moderator, P. H. Fontaine, called the house to order.

On motion, R. H. Marsh was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for Fontaine's re-election.

On motion, T. H. Street was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for re-electing Howard Clerk.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for re-electing Clark Treasurer. All of which were carried and the officers took their respective places.

Visitors: Dr. Cullom and W. R. Beach were recognized and welcomed.

R. H. Marsh and T. H. Street were appointed a committee to report on petition of Mary's Chapel to join the Association. A favorable report was made. Church received and the Moderator extends the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Annis Chapel—R. T. Pittard, C. S. Chandler, C. W. Sneed.
Antioch—C. H. Tapp.
Bethel—S. P. Gentry and A. J. Crutchfield.
Bethany—J. A. Malone and A. J. Tilley.
Beulah—Z. W. Allen, G. W. Royster, and W. B. Hobgood.
Bullock—
Corinth—
Creedmoor—
Concord—D. C. Melton.
Dexter—E. J. Green, S. A. Green, and W. L. Faucette.
Enon—W. C. Currin, J. P. Mize, and A. W. Cannady.
Fellowship—S. A. Cannady.
Florence Avenue—J. S. Pool, J. T. Torian, and J. B. Tuck.
Grassy Creek—L. Elliott, W. E. Yancey, and E. G. Buchanan.
Hester's—S. R. Puckett, J. B. Pruitt, and B. F. Dean.
Island Creek—D. L. Woody and D. V. Knott
Knapp of Reeds—J. A. Green.
Knott's Grove—Rufus Tillotson and J F. Dean.
Mary's Chapel—J. W. Wheelus and Alvis Wilson.

Mt. Zion—J. C. Howard, E. O. Frazier, and R. T. Daniel.

Mill Creek—W. T. Whitt, William Wrenn, H. D. Dickerson.

Mountain Creek—W. S. Daniel, J. S. Watkins, and R. T. Blackwell.

Mt. Harmony—O. H. Eakes, L. P. Sherman, and L. L. Fogleman.

Oxford—W. A. McFarland, F. P. Hobgood, W. A. Devin, and B. F. Taylor.

Olive Branch—E. D. Jones and H. C. Wiley.

Olive Grove—

Peace Chapel—

Poplar Creek—W. N. Critcher, L. F. Boyd, and A. G. Parrott.

Pleasant Grove—J. H. Bowling.

Providence—Eugene Fox, A. Pintacost, and B. L. Gravitt.

Roxboro—E. D. Cheek, W. T. Pass, and A. R. Foushee.

Rock Grove—S. T. Slaughter and J. W. Wilbon.

Rock Spring—T. J. Richardson.

Sharon—D. W. Knott, J. D. Greenway, and L. D. McFarland.

State Line—J. H. Garrett.

Stovall—W. H. Culls and J. E. Grissom.

Tally Ho—William Wilkerson, J E. Duncan, and Rob Walters.

Tabb's Creek—A. C. Parham and J. L. Parham.

West Oxford—A. Okey and E. C. Hue.

Committee on Order of Business offer an amendment to that printed in Minutes of 1911. Adopted.

In the absence of the Committee to report on Periodicals, W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder, is requested to address the Association. The request was granted, after which many of the laity joined in the discussion.

A resolution was offered and adopted urging earnest individual effort to get the Recorder in the home of every Baptist within the bounds of this Association.

Motion to amend by W. A. McFarland, requesting and urging every Sunday-school to get a club for Charity and Children. Adopted as amended.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

All the churches of the Flat River Association reported a Sunday-school at the 1911 session except one. The total membership of the schools was 3,050, and the attendance 1,896. The total enrollment of the Sunday-schools is only 58 per cent of the total church membership. We believe the Sunday-school second to no work done by our churches; and every church should put forth

a strenuous effort to effect and maintain the highest type of Sunday-school within its capabilities. We recommend that every school strive to raise the standard of teaching upon a higher plane, by having teacher training classes and all other available means. We heartily recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention series, and that every church provide a liberal supply for every interested person.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. CRUTCHFIELD, Committee.

Discussed by the author, Weatherspoon and Marsh. Adopted.

AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises. Miscellaneous business.

Motion by J. B. Weatherspoon that a committee be appointed to recommend plans fo rdividing the Association into four districts each, for the purpose of holding fifth Sunday meeting in the interest of our Associational work, especially missions and Sunday-schools; these plans to be submitted to the Association for adoption or rejection. Carried.

Bethel and Roxboro churches granted letters of dismission to join Beulah Association.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The educational program of our Baptist State Convention was never more ambitious, no rthe educational outlook more encouraging. We are called upon to note the work of our schools and colleges and of the Board of Education.

(1) In the system of schools and colleges under the control of the Convention are Wake Forest, Meredith, and Chowan Colleges an dthirteen high schools located in various parts of the State. Each of the colleges reports an increase in attendance last year over any previous year. "Wake Forest," says President Poteat, "seems to face the alternative of building a new dormitory or shutting the door against many worthy young men who seek the Wake Forest training." At Meredith the Freshman Class last year numbered seventy-five, more than twice as large than ever before. The State is rejoicing with Meredith also over the successful campaign for an endowment of $150,000, which was but recently completed.

Chowan likewise shows larger patronage and growing opportunities. The secondary schools present facts showing marvelous possibilities and lamentable needs which ought to touch the hearts and open the coffers of our people.

Oxford College, within the bounds of our own Association, and three High Schools—Buie's Creek, Leaksville-Spray, and Salembury, though owned and controlled by private Baptists—are a great asset to our denomination and deserve our support.

(2) As to the Board of Education, Dr. Cullom, the Corresponding Secretary, states its task as two-fold: "(1) To encourage and help the churches discover those men whom God would have preach His Gospel and lead His people; and (2) to serve as a medium through which the churches may do what they can to help these men get ready for the work to which God has called them." The last report of the Board shows that of the eighty-two ministerial students at Wake Forest last year, sixty-five received aid. The income of the Board was larger than ever before, but the demands upon it must grow. The number of ministerial students in the High Schools is steadily increasing, which means greater needs. This report urges deeper thought upon the duty of supporting our Board of Education.

We recommend to the members of our Association three things as a cure of the non-support or scant support which we have been giving the educational work, which are in themselves real duties: (1) Educate. (2) Patronize our denominational schools. (3) Study and discuss in the churches the call to the ministry and the relation of the churches to preaching.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. WEATHERSPOON.

Spoken to by the author, F. B. Hobgood, and Dr. Cullom. Adopted.

BAPTIST MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Nothing in our work impresses me more than the necessity and work of this Board. The functions of the same is the supply our worn out ministers with necesaries of life; also the widows of our old brethren.

Report to Convention for year ending December 5, 1911 says:

Beneficiaries	29
Died during the year	4
Balance in fund, 1910	$2,453.59
Received during 1911	4,201.78
Total	$6,655.27

We are now receiving interest fund from permanent investment, and if our churches will continue to give increasingly, we will soon have a permanent fund invested so as to care nicely for all our aged and worn ministers and their widows, and we recommend more liberal contributions to this end.

Respectfully submitted, T. H. STREET,
July 1, 1912. Committee.

Spoken to by the author and J. M. Arnette, State Secretary of this Board. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We rejoice at the growth of the temperance sentiment in all lands. Reports carefully made show a diminution of the sale of liquors in our own country and abroad. This is the result of the efforts not only of Christian organizations, but of State as well.

Farseeing men are filled with alarm at the destruction wrought by alcohol. The fall of nations has been traced to alcohol as the agent of destruction.

We have ground for hope that the Congress will, in the not distant future, enact laws regulating interstate traffic. When that shall have been done, the greatest obstacle in the way of a rigid enforcement of the prohibition laws will have been removed.

We rejoice that the number of older church members who use alcohol as a beverage is rapidly diminishing; we rejoice that the younger members are not doing as the older members used to do. We urge all church members to abstain from the use of alcohol as a beverage. F. P. HOBGOOD.

Spoken to by A. C. Parham and T. H. Street. Adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

If any man has learned that he is competent to train (not educate) his children and bring them up "in the way they should go" without the help of God; or if he has forgotten the source whence all his blessings come and feels that he can take care of himself; of if he will allow the duty to become a matter of form to be discharged in a perfunctory way; it is advisable that he omit it. Otherwise he should stay by the instruction of the Book and teach, by example as well as precept, his family to constantly look to Him who has promised help to all who call upon Him. B. T. HORTON.

Spoken to by the author, A. C. Parham, T. H. Street, and J. B. Weatherspoon. Adopted.

Visitors C. J. Thompson and J. M. Kester recognized.

J. B. Weatherspoon, T. H. Street, and W. A. McFarland appointed Committee on Sunday Schools in compliance with motion mentioned above.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Visitors recognized and welcomed. Professor Hunter, Chase City, Va.; Prof. T. R. Sanford, Chatham Training School, Virginia; Rev. E. Y. Pool, Roanoke Association, Virginia; and Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, responded.

On motion by F. P. Hobgood, a committee composed of R. H. Marsh, J. B. Weatherspoon, P. H. Fontaine, B. F. Hester, and W. A. Devin were appointed to investigated why the churches have neglected so badly the contribution to Ministerial Education.

REPORT ON FOREIGN, HOME, AND STATE MISSIONS.

One of the distinctive and cardinal tenets of the Baptist denomination has been its adherence to the missionary creed, its members believing strongly in the fundamental duty of all Chris-

tion to obey the divine command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Baptists have ever been impressed with the view that this simply expressed but world-comprehending order was intended by its author to extend to all men in every generation, a continuing, vibrant, insistent commission, and one which comes to us with ever-increasing force because of enlarged means and the multiplication of opportunities.

The mission enterprise is more urgent, more vital, comes to us with stronger appeal in the good year 1912 than ever before, because we ca nsee more clearly the needs of a lost world, and can hear with greater distinctness the call of our Lord.

The difference between State, Home, and Foreign Missions is administrative merely. Beyond this there should be no distinction, for it is just missions, because, "God s oloved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," comprehending all men within His boundless love.

It is the business of "teaching all nations," whether they be in Jerusalem, in Judea, or in the uttermost parts of the earth. It is the projection of the Church's evangelistic activities beyond its own circumference, whether far or near.

In the reports of the different Boards having charge of State, Home, and Foreign Mission work during the past year there have been noted gratifying increases in the contributions of our people. This has been particularly notable in our Association. And there have been corresponding increases in conversions on the field, emphasizing the glorious privilege of those whose gifts have been so wonderfully used by God for the advancement of His Kingdom and affording the highest incentive to larger giving.

The State Mission Board's last report shows contributions of $46,800, an increase of $4,000. Baptisms, 1,921; an increase of 225. Ten churches organized 14 houses of worship finished; in course of construtcion, 50; 152 missionaries supplied 357 points, which contributed $73,400, a sum in excess of the amount expended in their support.

We are able to report that every pastor in the Association is a missionary pastor, that every church is contributing, and that a deeper sense of individual responsibility pervades the membership of our churches.

The activity of the laymen, awakening to the realization of the divine call to them, and the earnest work of the missionary committees and Missionary Societies, supplementing the faithful services of the pastors, following out the plans of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, have done much to advance the cause of our Lord and to further the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

And so strengthening our hold on North Carolina, projecting further into the destitute places in the Home Field, increasing our activities with expanding opportunities in the Foreign Field, let us thank God for the privilege of working with Him, and go forward to do larger things for His glory. W. A. DEVIN.

Spoken to by the author (Foreign), S. A. Bass and C. J. Thompson (Foreign), Livingston Johnson (State), D. F. Putnam (Home), J. M. Kester (Home), and J. A. Beam (Home). Adopted.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.

Your Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher for next session report: Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1913, the time; Poplar Creek Church the place; Rev. E. G. Usry to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Rev. D. F. Putman, alternate.

J. H. BOWLING,
W. E. YANCEY,
Z. W. ALLEN,
Committee.

Adopted.

ARTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

	State.	Home.	For. Mis.	Orph.	Educa.	Min. Rel.	Total.
1912	$1,107 48	$885 48	$2,069 27	$1,099 42	$117 18	$166 61	$5,445 44
1911	1,056 57	719 78	1,948 90	1,093 08	104 05	158 00	5,080 38
Gain	$ 50 91	$ 165 70	$ 120 37	$ 6 34	$ 13 13	$ 8 61	$ 365 06

Spoken to by Hobgood, L. Thomas, W. T. White, Sneed, Beam, and Putnam.

W. A. Devin elected, on motion, Associational representative of the Foreign Mission Board.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, only six of the seventeen pastors of the Flat River Association reside within its bounds, thus rendering its necessary for many of our churches to call pastors whose homes are too far from their work for them to render the most effectual service for the Master. The Flat River Association—

Resolves 1. That we recommend to our churches the importance of calling pastors who can reside as near them as practicable.

2. That a committee be appointed to take this matter under consideration and report at our next meeting, making such recommendations for providing homes for several preachers at such places within the bounds of the Association as they may deem expedient.

L. THOMAS.

Adopted.

B. F. Hester, A. C. Parham, and W. H. Cutts appointed committee to do the work of this resolution.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage is twenty-seven years old. It has sheltered, clothed, trained, and been foster parents to 1,192 children, including 372 now in the institution. It is composed of sixteen buildings, including about ten cottages or dormitories, one central school building, dining hall, two nurseries, infirmary, sewing building, shoe-shop, printing plant, and library. The institution is kept full to its capacity with a hundred applications on file. The cost of the current support on the present basis is $36,000, or about $25.00 per child.

The Orphanage farm, worked mainly by the boys, provides training for the latter and, in part, the table supplies. The interest on the endowment of $110,000 is used for the maintenance of the Simmons Nursery, and is not available for current support. We would here call attention to the need and appropriateness of our people in this Association to remember in their wills the constructive work of the Orphanage.

The Kennedy gift, also, instead of lessening our obligation in the matter of current enlarges the capacity and usefulness of our plant, and is a clarion call from God for larger gifts from our churches and Sunday-schools.

Your committee would recommend and urge that every Sunday-school within our bounds devote the offering one Sunday in each month to the Orphanage, and that we strive to make this offering worthy in each case of those making it. The General Manager of the Orphanage has frequently stated that if all the 1,700 Sunday-schools of the State would do this the amount realized from this source would be sufficient for the support of the institution. Five hundred of the Sunday-schools of the State are already doing this, and those five hundred provide about 40 per cent of the cost of support.

The very best investment that one can make it to care for and train children for service in the Kingdom of God. This is also one of the sweetest charities. James tells us that a pure and undefiled religious service before and the Father is to visit the widows and fatherless in their affliction. An opportunity and privilege so great as the work of a Christian Orphanage affords ought to be hailed with delight and to command our heartiest co-operation. This institution beylongs to us of the Flat River Association as much as to any one else. In fact, we ought to look upon it as being peculiarly our own inasmuch as the President of the Board of Trustees is an honored member of this body. Another inspired writer tells us that if any one does not provide for ris own he denies the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Respectfully submitted, E. R. NELSON.

Spoken to by the author, Hobgood, Hancock, and Marsh. Adopted.

Committed appointed to group the churches make report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCHES.

Whereas, the Annual Meetings of our Association have been in

recent years the only opportunity for discussing our problems and needs; and,

Whereas, we believe further opportunity would be most profitable; therefore, be it—

Resolved 1. That the Association be divided into four districts,

District 1.—Amis Chapel, Florence Avenue, Grassy Creek, Mountain Creek, Mill Creek, Olive Branch, Providence, Rock Grove, and State Line.

District 2.—Enon, Beulah, Hesters, Sharon, Mt. Zion, Bethany, Knap of Reeds, Antioch, and Mt. Harmony.

District 3.—Rock Spring, Dexter, Island Creek, Bullock, Stovall, Tabb's Creek, Poplar Creek, Knott's Grove, West Oxford.

District 4.—Oxford, Creedmoor, Corinth, Concord, Pleasant Grove, Peace Chapel, Fellowship, Tally Ho, Olive Grove, Mary's Chapel.

2. That each district be requested by the Association to meet on each fifth Sunday and Saturday before at one of the churches within the district for the purpose of discussing Associational work, as to purpose, methods, etc.

3. That the responsibility for these meetings be placed primarily not upon the pastors of the churches, but upon a committee of three appointed by each district from its members.

4. That a central committee of five be appointed whose duty it shall be to recommend subjects and programs for discussion at these district meetings, to secure brethren from outside the districts for special addresses, and to visit (with a representation of at least three) one meeting of each district during the year.

5. That the central committee proceed at once to arrange for the first meetings to be held on Saturday and Sunday (September 28-29, 1912,) at the following churches: District 1, at Amis Chapel; District 2, at Enon; District 3, at Stovall; District 4, at Tally Ho. (Signed)

J. B. WEATHERSPOON,
W. A. McFARLAND,

The Central Committee was appointed as follows: W. A. Devin, as representative for Foreign Missions; B. S. Royster, for Home Missions; J. C. Howard, for State Missions; F. W. Hancock, for Orphanage; and J. B. Weatherspoon, for Sunday Schools.

Adopted.

Moderator appoints Central Committee as is suggested in the Report on State of the Churches.

Delegates from the various churches report conditons quite favorable and promising.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The work of the good women within the bounds of the Flat River Association has been greatly honored and blessed by God, especially during recent years. They are truly co-laborers with man in helping to Christianize the world. This is shown in the

object and purposes as is printed in the Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Union, which is three-fold.

(1) To stimulate a broader religious development on the part of the Baptist women and girls of the State, to train the children in Christian work and enlist all in active personal endeavor for the salvation of those in their own communities.

(2) To receive and distribute missionary information, to stimulate effort and to encourage the organiation of Missionary Societies and Bands among the women, young people, and children.

(3) To encourage the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in contributing money for missions at home and abroad.

The growth of this work has been wonderful. Twenty-six years ago the women of this State contributed only $1,000.95; last year they gave more than $32,000.00. They are a great silent force in the world to-day for the propagation of peace on earth and good will to men. This army is increasing in numbers and usefulness, and we believe this leaven will soon leaven the whole lump. Let us pray for and encourage our dear sisters in all their undertakings, and may the time soon come when every church shall have a good, live Society. W. M. HUDSON, Committee.

Discussed by the author. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I beg leave to report as follows:

Minute Fund	$68.55
Stradley Monument	25.85
State Missions	47.62
Home Missions	55.12
Foreign Missions	41.60
Orphanage	11.10
Ministerial Relief	6.41
Ministerial Education	5.50
Sunday School Missions	5.00
Total	$266.75

W. LOUIS CLARK, Treasurer.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the Clerk the usual fee for his services, and the balance of the Minute Fund to pay for printing and distributing Minutes and other funds turned over to the State Treasurer, Walters Durham.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body, by a rising vote, extend its deep and sincere appreciation and thanks to this church and the entire community for its superb and superlative kindness and hospitality extented to us during this meeting of our body.

Respectfully submitted, R. H. MARSH.

Adjournment. Song and prayer.

J. C. HOWARD, Clerk. P. H. FONTAINE, Moderator.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST-OFFICE, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post-Office.	Clerk.	Post-Office.	Time of Preaching.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	A. E. Garner	Virgilina, Va.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Antioch	E. G. Usry	Oxford, N. C.	W. A. Barton	Roxboro, R. F. D. 5	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Woodsdale, N. C.	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Beulah	G. T. Tunstall	Henderson, N. C.	T. J. Smith	Oxford, R. F. D. 6	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Bethany	W. M. Hudson	Scotsburg, Va.	S. L. Cash	Rougemont, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Bullock	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Corinth	C. H. Trueblood	Wake Forest, N. C.	S. H. Usry	Oxford, R. F. D. 2	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Concord	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C.	C. C. Currin	Northside, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Creedmoor	O. B. Allen	Creedmoor, N. C.	O. B. Allen	Creedmoor, N. C.	
Dexter	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	E. J. Green	Oxford, R. F. D. 5	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	P. W. Knott	Oxford, R. F. D. 1	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Fellowship	E. M. Lassiter	Cary, N. C.	J. D. Cannady	Creedmoor, N. C.	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Florence Avenue	D. F. Putman	Roxboro, N. C.	R. E. Amis	Virgilina, Va.	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	J. W. Winston	Nelson, Va.	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	L. C. Pruitt	Oxford, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Island Creek	E. R. Nelson	Kittrell, N. C.	H. T. Shanks	Dabney, N. C.	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Knap of Reeds			E. J. Nance	Stem, R. F. D. 1	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Knott's Grove	G. T. Tunstall	Henderson, R. F. D. 2	J. W. Dean	Oxford, N. C.	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Mary's Chapel	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C.	T. F. Ross	Creedmoor, N. C.	
Mill Creek	J. H. Bass	Republican Grove, Va.	G. W. Walker	Trilby, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Mt. Zion	W. M. Hudson	Scotsburg, Va.	Roy T. Daniel		1st Sunday and Saturday before
Mountain Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Woodsdale, R. F. D. 2	R. T. Eakes	Oxford, R. F. D. 1	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Mount Harmony	E. G. Usry	Oxford, N. C.	T. K. Jones	Rougemont, R. F. D. 4	4th Saturday and Sunday before
Oxford	J. B. Weatherspoon	Oxford, N. C.	B. F. Taylor	Oxford, N. C.	Every Sunday
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, N. C.	W. H. Keith	Northside, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Olive Branch	S. A. Bass	Woodsdale, N. C.	J. P. Stovall	Virgilina, Va., R. F. D. 5	
Peace Chapel	R. E. Powell	Blanch, N. C.	W. S. Howell	Kittrell, R. F. D. 2	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C.	R. O. Smith	Creedmoor, N. C.	2d Sunday and Saturday before
Poplar Creek	E. R. Nelson	Kittrell, N. C.	J. L. Capps	Henderson, R. F. D. 5	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Providence	J. H. Gordon	Averett, Va.	J. E. Perkins	Roxboro, N. C.	3d Saturday before
Roxboro	D. F. Putman	Roxboro, N. C.	J. A. Noell	Roxboro, N. C.	2d and 4th Sundays
Rock Grove	J. H. Gordon	Virgilina, Va.	S. T. Slaughter	Roxboro, R. 2	
Rock Spring	J. H. Spaulding	Henderson, N. C.	J. E. Owen	Clarksville, Va., R. 2	
Sharon	E. G. Usry	Oxford, N. C.	W. A. Sherman	Berea, R. F. D. 1	3d Sunday and Saturday before
State Line	E. R. Powell	Blanch, N. C.	T. L. Sizemore	Soudan, Va.	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Stovall	G. T. Tunstall	Henderson, N. C.	E. M. Hart	Stovall, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
West Oxford	E. G. Usry	Oxford, N. C.	D. F. Lanier	Oxford, N. C.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor, N. C.	W. R. Mangum	Oxford, R. F. D. 6	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Tabb's Creek	J. B. Weatherspoon	Oxford, N. C.	A. Hood Parham	Oxford, N. C.	

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Churches.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Restoration.	Total.	Lost by Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Total.	Gain or Loss.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis Chapel		1		1	2	3	2	7	L 6	105	116	221
Antioch	4	2		6	3	1	1	5	G 1	36	55	91
Bethel	11	1	4	16	12	1	2	15	G 1	69	106	175
Bethany					1	1	1	3	L 3	18	28	46
Beulah		6		6	11	1	1	13	L 7	49	70	119
Bullock		1		1		1	1	2	L 1	30	49	79
Corinth	11		2	13	4	1	1	6	G 7	51	64	115
Creedmoor	1	6		7	1	5		6	G 1	38	42	80
Concord	2	1		3	3		4	7	L 4	44	54	98
Dexter		2		2	3		1	4	L 2	28	39	67
Enon		10		10	11	2	2	15	L 5	89	79	168
Fellowship	5			5	4		3	7	L 2	36	102	138
Florence Avenue	3			3	4			4	L 1	39	68	107
Grassy Creek	24	5	3	32	5	2	3	10	G 22	98	101	199
Hesters		9	1	10	8	1	2	11	L 1	101	133	234
Island Creek	3	2	1	6	6		4	10	L 4	125	157	282
Knap of Reeds	4	4	1	9	9		2	11	L 2	54	75	129
Knott's Grove	3	1		4	1		1	2	G 2	35	47	82
Mary's Chapel										33	42	75
Mill Creek	10		4	14	9	4		13	G 1	110	176	286
Mt. Zion	7			7	4	1	5	10	L 3	68	116	184
Mountain Creek	1	1	2	4	14	3	1	18	L 14	114	146	260
Mt. Harmony	7			7	1			1	G 6	21	49	70
Oxford	64	22	17	103	30	1	6	37	G 66	185	284	470
Olive Branch	9	5		14	2		3	5	G 9	60	54	114
Olive Grove	10	2		12	8	2		10	G 2	47	84	131
Peace Chapel	2	20		22	2			2	G 20	47	73	120
Poplar Creek	5	1		6	1		1	2	G 4	49	55	104
Pleasant Grove	17	2	1	20	6	2	1	9	G 11	104	128	232
Providence	30	2	3	35	4	2	3	9	G 26	47	102	149
Roxboro	16	5	1	22	7			7	G 15	77	97	174
Rock Grove	13	3	5	21	2	4		6	G 15	27	31	58
Rock Spring		1		1	1		2	3	L 2	52	66	118
Sharon	5	2		7	4	1	1	6	G 1	38	54	92
State Line		2		2	6	2	1	9	L 7	30	60	90
Stovall	9	2	1	12	3	1		4	G 8	76	106	182
Tally Ho	8	2	2	12	4		3	7	G 5	66	118	184
Tabb's Creek	8	6	1	15	6	1	1	8	G 7	30	40	70
West Oxford						3	1	4	L 4	32	45	77
Totals	292	129	49	480	202	46	60	308	G 162	2,359	3,311	5,670

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Church.	Superintendent.	Post-Office.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Attendance.	Months Open.
Amis Chapel	A. D. Frazier	Virgilina, Va.	6	100	90	60	12
Antioch	C. H. Tapp	Roxboro, R. 5	5	55	35	35	9
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Woodsdale	10	80	125	50	12
Bethany							
Beulah	E. A. Howard	Oxford, R. 1	8	110	132	73	12
Bullock	J. E. Thomas	Bullock	7	88		60	12
Corinth	C. R. Gordon	Oxford, R. 2	8	48	126	32	12
Creedmoor	H. R. Sanderford	Creedmoor	10	80	100	60	12
Concord	W. E. Morgan	Stem	6				10
Dexter	S. A. Green	Oxford, R. 5	7	60	72	35	12
Enon	H. T. Hobgood	Oxford, R. 1	9	140	135	80	12
Fellowship	G. W. Rogers	Creedmoor	7	75	71	60	9
Florence Ave	J. T. Torian	Virgilina, Va.	7	50	75	38	12
Grassy Creek	L. Elliott	Nelson, Va.	3	75	80	40	9
Hester's	N. F. Hobgood	Oxford, R. 4	8	85	107	82	12
Island Creek	C. H. Sneed	Dabney, R. 1	12	150	170	125	9
Knap of Reeds	S. F. Bullock	Lyons	13	82	100	55	12
Knott's Grove	S. W. Knott	Oxford, R. 2	5	45	54	36	12
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Wheeler	Creedmoor	7	64	100	35	9
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	2	25	50	12	12
Trilby	T. H. Street	Mill Creek		87	68	50	
Mt. Zion	J. C. Howard	Oxford, R. 1	7	117	140	46	12
Mount'n Creek	R. S. Hart	Oxford, R. 7	8	93		80	12
Mt. Harmony	S. E. Peed	Moriah	3	15	15	12	5
Oxford	C. D. Ray	Oxford	19	304	400	169	12
Olive Branch	C. P. Sanford	Virgilina, Va.	6	39			
Olive Grove	A. B. Smith	North Side	6	67	84	40	4
Peace Chapel	J. W. Moss	Oxford, R. 3	6	61	64	45	9
Poplar Creek	J. T. Holloway	Henderson, R. 5	5	17	50	20	9
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smith	Creedmoor	6	75	200	63	9
Providence	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro	7	75	72	40	12
Roxboro	J. W. Noell	Roxboro	12	132	270	86	12
Rock Grove	J. L. Long	Roxboro	6	55	48	26	12
Rock Spring	B. F. Knott	Clarksville, Va., R. 1	7	75	100	50	9
Sharon	W. A. Sherman	Berea, R. 1	5	26	45	21	9
State Line	James Garrett	Soudan, Va.	5	30		31	8
Stovall	W. H. Cutts	Stovall	5	75	75	50	12
Tally Ho	J. E. Duncan	Stem	6	30	60	33	12
Tabb's Creek	J. L. Parham	Oxford	8	60	80	40	12
West Oxford	C. A. Hurst	Oxford	9	123	120	80	12
Total			276	2,968		1,950	

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphange.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Totals.
Amis Chapel	$ 200 00	$	$ 20 50	$	$ 9 60	$ 49 32	$ 35 75	$ 54 28	$	$ 23 75	$	$	$ 10 50	$ 2 00	$ 417 27
Antioch	150 00		10 00	4 00		11 40	7 68	8 87		7 66		9 60		2 50	211 71
Bethel	200 00		15 08	16 00	5 00	20 38	21 00	97 26	3 08	46 81		7 58	50 50	2 55	485 24
Bethany	75 00	4 90				6 65	5 25	4 35		4 70	2 30		5 00	1 00	109 15
Beulah	150 00		49 65	11 07		29 39	15 41	14 37	2 10	34 23		4 00	26 00	2 00	348 22
Bullock	150 00		55 75			3 87	3 80	7 10	2 00	4 75	1 75	3 66		1 50	234 18
Corinth	150 00		23 00	5 25		10 61	8 11	25 00	4 75	10 75	3 05	3 75	21 50	1 05	266 82
Creedmoor	175 00		60 00	20 00	5 00	26 90	32 91	41 03		34 75	3 50	5 00	119 01	1 15	524 25
Concord	125 00	20 04	42 70	10 00	2 50	4 50	11 00	11 50		16 24				1 00	244 48
Dexter	125 00	3 50		8 00		22 50	19 50	29 50		5 00			14 75	1 30	234 70
Enon	274 00	256 20	28 00			41 03	50 75	115 20		108 82	15 50	13 00	21 15	3 00	926 65
Fellowship	150 00		8 00	10 00	4 65	8 00	10 00	15 00		8 74		5 00		1 00	220 39
Florence Avenue	265 00		40 00	15 00		10 00	46 82	48 02	1 00	16 35	4 00	2 75		2 00	450 94
Grassy Creek	200 00		48 00	4 75	148 55	30 00	9 78	25 60		39 70				2 50	508 88
Hester's	200 00	10 50	20 00	1 10		18 13	19 00	30 00		45 60	8 80	16 15	47 75	2 25	419 28
Island Creek	250 00	1,494 31	18 86			13 31	25 00	67 50		17 30	10 00			1 50	1,897 78
Knap of Reeds	150 00		13 00	8 00		21 75	12 75	7 75	8 35	36 52				1 50	259 62
Knott's Grove	150 00	17 35	5 25	5 00		21 92	18 09	23 00		22 14	2 00	4 00	19 00	1 00	288 75
Mary's Chapel	60 00			3 89		2 50	2 00	2 00		4 21		2 51		50	77 61
Mill Creek	250 00	3 50	44 35	30 75	10 00	50 00	30 00	301 35	30 50	50 00	30 50	30 00	152 46	3 00	1,016 41
Mt. Zion	200 00		18 00	3 49	15 35	20 50	27 18	32 03		26 09	3 88	4 10	6 72	1 50	358 84
Slaughter Est.						177 21		177 21							354 42
Mountain Creek	225 00			10 00	16 01	60 25	21 00	60 00		87 59	4 00	6 00	48 10	2 70	540 65
Mt. Harmony	85 00	35 00				2 00	1 00	3 40					7 85	65	134 90
Oxford	1,350 00	1,020 77	335 99	126 29	57 00	231 63	264 83	598 32	12 09	244 56	7 50	21 35	15 00	5 00	4,290 33
Olive Branch	100 00		120 00			10 00	20 00	10 00						1 00	261 00
Olive Grove	130 00					4 75	5 05	5 25		6 35				60	152 00
Peace Chapel	125 00	25 70	1 70	5 80	5 00	3 76		1 15					7 02	1 70	176 83
Poplar Creek	216 66		4 00			33 16	30 00	64 07		12 20	5 35	3 65	32 45	1 75	403 29
Pleasant Grove	200 00	25 00	12 00	7 00	4 78	5 50	8 11	10 00		19 27		4 25		2 10	298 01
Providence	125 00	9 00	6 00	7 20	4 40	6 54	5 07	5 00	5 00	3 50				3 10	179 81
Roxboro	625 00	53 25	89 81	44 25	2 00	49 63	67 75	60 05	14 93	97 50			50 00	2 10	1,156 27
Rocky Grove	70 00	253 14	10 00	6 00	4 81	3 91	3 80	7 00	5 95	3 25			14 20	1 00	383 06
Rock Spring	240 00	2 00				7 10	8 95	18 10		7 00	2 80	5 50		1 80	291 25
Sharon	100 00			3 38		20 00	3 05	8 80		11 56		2 20	32 60	1 65	183 24
State Line	125 00			1 75	8 00	4 20	1 75	8 50	3 25					1 25	153 50
Stovall	200 00	70 00	30 00	12 00	23 00	24 74	11 79	22 90		7 00	6 00	6 00	92 25	1 50	517 18
Tally Ho	175 00	113 41	25 20	13 84		10 62	12 00	20 00		39 21	4 06	4 06	25 19	2 00	444 59
Tabb's Creek	100 00	52 00		15 00		20 00	8 00	10 00		5 00			3 00	1 00	214 00
West Oxford	250 00	201 66	36 10		7 00	9 53	1 73	8 81		25 00		2 50		1 60	543 93
Total	$8,090 66	$3671 23	$1190 94	$408 81	$332 65	$1,107 49	$885 66	$2,059 27	$ 93 00	$1,133 10	$114 99	$166 61	$ 822 00	$68 30	$20,179 43

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH
ANNUAL SESSION

FLAT RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

POPLAR CREEK CHURCH
JULY 15-16, 1913

Moderator—W. A. DEVIN, Oxford, N. C.
Clerk—J. C. HOWARD, Oxford, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Treasurer—LEWIS CLARK, Virgilina, Va., R. F. D.

Next Session meets with Enon Baptist Church, on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1914

Introductory Sermon by Rev. G. T. Tunstall, Henderson, N. C.

CONSTITUTION FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage. and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association and, at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

REV. JOSHUA A. STRADLEY
1832—1912
A FAITHFUL MINISTER
STRADLEY

DELEGATES

Member of Board of Missions—T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Convention—J. B. Weatherspoon.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—J. C. Howard, P. H. Fontaine, G. T. Tunstall.

Executive Board—Messrs. T. H. Street, Pervis Tilley, and Millington Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Atkinson, Rev. J. W. ..... Neuse, N. C.
Bryant, Rev. H. G. ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Bass, Rev. J. H. ..... Republican Grove, Va.
Bass, Rev. S. A. ..... Woodsdale, N. C.
Beam, Rev. J. A. ..... Bethel Hill, N. C.
Duckett, Rev. R. B. ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Fontaine, Rev. P. H. ..... R. 2, Woodsdale, N. C.
Gordon, Rev. J. H. ..... Virgilina, Va.
Harrell, Rev. G. P. ..... Franklinton, N. C.
Hartsell, Rev. Wallace ..... Middlesex, N. C.
Hudson, Rev. W. M. ..... Scottsburg, Va.
Lassiter, Rev. E. M. ..... Cary, N. C.
Martin, Rev. J. L. ..... Stem, N. C.
Marsh, Rev. R. H. ..... Oxford, N. C.
McGuire, Rev. V. A. ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Powell, Rev. R. E. ..... Blanch, N. C.
Putnam, Rev. D. F. ..... Roxboro, N. C.
Riggs, Rev. O. L. ..... Durham, N. C.
Spaulding, Rev. J. H. ..... Raleigh, N. C.
Tunstall, Rev. G. T. ..... Henderson, N. C.
Trueblood, Rev. C. H. ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Usry, Rev. E. G. ..... Oxford, N. C.
Weatherspoon, Rev. J. B. ..... Oxford, N. C.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS

Jones, Rev. R. H. ..... R. 5, Roxboro, N. C.
Devin, Rev. R. I. ..... Oxford, N. C.
Currin, Rev. Joe B. ..... Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION

Foreign Missions—
State Missions—
Home Missions— } Reports by F. P. Hobgood.

Periodicals—G. P. Harrell.

Education—J. A. Beam.

Orphanage—G. T. Tunstall.

Sunday Schools—Sunday School Committee.

Temperance—A. C. Parham.

Ministerial Relief—J. L. Martin.

Woman's Work—T. H. Street.

Family Prayer—W. S. Howell.

Obituaries—E. G. Usry.

Order of Business, 1914—R. H. Marsh, L. Thomas, B. F. Dean.

Committee on Plans to Raise the Amount Voted by the Association for Ministerial Education—J. L. Martin, J. W. Dean, and J. L. Capps.

Executive Committee of the Four Divisions for Fifth Sunday Work—

1. P. H. Fontaine, A. D. Frazier, W. E. Yancey, and R. T. Blackwell.
2. E. G. Usry, J. C. Howard, Pervis Tilley, and B. F. Dean.
3. G. T. Tunstall, E. M. Hart, J. E. Owen, and J. W. Dean.
4. J. L. Martin, C. R. Gordon, Will Mangum, and F. W. Hancock.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR SESSION OF 1914

TUESDAY

10:00 to 10:45—Introductory Sermon.
10:45 to 11:00—Organization.
11:00 to 11:30—Periodicals.
11:30 to 12:30—Sunday Schools.
12:30 to 2:00—Recess.
2:00 to 2:15—Miscellaneous.
2:15 to 3:00—Orphanage.
3:00 to 4:00—Education—General Ministerial.
4:00 to 4:30—Temperance and Prayer Meetings.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 to 9:20—Devotional Exercises.
9:20 to 9:50—Roll Call.
9:50 to 12:00—Missions—State, Home, Foreign.
12:00 to 12:30—Digest of Church Letters.
12:30 to 2:10—Miscellaneous.
2:10 to 2:40—Woman's Work.
2:40 to 3:10—Ministerial Relief.
3:10 to 4:00—State of Churches.
4:00 to 4:30—Obituaries.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Amis Chapel—A. H. Garner, R. I. Mulchi, Lewis Clark.
Antioch—
Bethany—J. T. Newton.
Beulah—P. L. Parham, W. G. Dean.
Bullocks—T. A. Royster.
Corinth—J. I. Gordon, E. B. Mangum, S. H. Usry.
Creedmoor—W. H. Averette.
Concord—James Cash.
Dexter—S. A. Green, L. G. Williams, Wm. Faucett.
Enon—Joe B. Currin, B. F. Hester, H. M. Hobgood.
Fellowship—
Florence Avenue—T. B. Hill, F. E. Winfree.
Grassy Creek—W. E. Yancey, W. A. Boyd, L. G. Elliott.
Hester's—B. F. Dean, N. D. Hobgood
Island Creek—P. H. Sneed, Chas. Day, R. H. Shanks.
Knap of Reeds—
Knott's Grove—J. F. Dean, J. T. Bobbitt, F. Knott.
Mary's Chapel—J. W. Wilson, R. E. Jackson.
Mt. Zion—J. R. Daniel, R. F. Daniel, J. C. Howard.
Mt. Creek—O. T. Eakes, R. T. Blackwell.
Mt. Harmony—S. E. Peed, T. K. Jones.
Mill Creek—H. D. Dickerson.
Oxford—W. A. Devin, W. A. McFarland, L. Thomas.
Olive Grove—O. G. Emory.
Peace Chapel—W. S. Howell, N. B. Dickerson.
Pleasant Grove—J. H. Bowling, W. H. Tillotson, S. H. Wize.
Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, J. N. Fleming, L. R. Ball.
Providence—A. Gravitt, A. Pentacost.
Rock Spring—B. F. Knott.
Rock Grove—S. R. Parham.
State Line—
Stovall—R. G. Frazier, E. M. Hart.
Sharon—W. R. Sherman, L. B. McFarland.
Tally Ho—J. E. Duncan, G. J. Day, G. W. Stem.
Tabb's Creek—W. T. Blackwell, O. C. Hester, W. J. Brummett.
West Oxford—

PROCEEDINGS

Poplar Creek Church,
July 15-16, 1913.

The Flat River Association meets in the one hundred and twentieth annual session. In accordance with the appointment of last session, Rev. E. G. Usry preached the Introductory Sermon; subject, "Invoice of God's Mercies".

In the absence of the former Moderator, the Clerk called the Association to order.

On motion, R. H. Marsh is instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for W. A. Devin to be Moderator for this session.

J. B. Weatherspoon instructed by motion to cast the ballot of the Association for J. C. Howard to be Clerk.

The Clerk instructed to cast ballot of the Association for W. L. Clark, Treasurer.

Committee on Order of Business for present session make report, which is adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The Biblical Recorder was founded in 1833 by Elder Thomas Meredith. For eighty years it has been honored as a great evangelistic, missionary and educational agency. It has contributed to the defense, the unity and the propagation of Baptist principles and practice.

The present management was organized in 1901, and is known as the Biblical Recorder Company. While thus owned by individuals, it has shown itself to be a wise, conservative and outspoken organ of the North Carolina Baptists. Rev. Hight C. Moore is the present editor. In all its years the Recorder has never had an abler, purer and more consecrated editor. His gentleness and genius have won for him the name and character of an ideal editor—wise, gifted, unselfish, and progressive. The Recorder is worthy of a place in every home and no Baptist can afford to be without its uplifting power and inspiration. We commend it, not only as helpful and elevating, but as a necessity for the highest personal efficiency in church work.

We also commend Charity and Children for the home and the Sunday school. It is a bright and good paper—in every respect worthy of a noble cause. To this list may also be added the Foreign Mission Journal and The Home Field.

With these necessary helps the average church member may be lifted to a higher plane of Christian enjoyment and usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. Parham, Committee.

Discussed by Green, representing the Recorder, and by A. C. Parham, Dr. Cullom and Brother Woody. Adopted.

Visitors recognized and welcomed: C. T. Ball, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Cullom, Wake Forest; J. G. Blalock, Weldon; Brother Green, Raleigh.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Coming more and more to the realization that the two greatest forces for evangelization today are missions and Sunday schools, the intensifying of the activities of the churches along these avenues becomes an imperative duty.

The annual reports from the churches show continued improvement in the efficiency of the Sunday schools, and a stronger grasp by our people upon the conception of their tremendous importance. Every church reports an active Sunday school and increased interest in the work.

Your committee recommend:

1. A wider and deeper interest on the part of all church members in the work of the Sunday school, striving toward the ideal of the whole church at work in the Sunday school.
2. The adoption of a thorough system of teacher training, the proper grading of the classes, and more efficient organization.
3. The adoption and use of the Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday school literature, and the furnishing of the literature to the Sunday school by the church.
4. The fostering of the organized Bible class idea, in accordance with the plans of the Baraca-Philathea movement. Every Sunday school should encourage the formation and growth of these organized classes of young men and of young women, each banded together upon the broad platform of service and loyalty, and let every church make of these organizations lively instruments for the winning of souls.

In the opinion of your committee the future progress of the churches will be in proportion as we systematically engage in the study of His word and in the teaching of young and old the way of eternal life in and through the Sunday schools. And to minimize the importance of these agencies is but to loosen our hold upon a vital portion of the work whereunto all were called. W. A. Devin.

Discussed by Hobgood and Gordon. Adopted.

J. B. Weatherspoon makes a verbal report on behalf of the Committee on Fifth Sunday Meetings, which report is accepted together with the suggestion that a committee be appointed for each district, separately. See appointments on another page. Districts Nos. 2 and 4 report four Fifth Sunday Meetings held during the past year.

Announcements. Dinner.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional exercises.

Moderator appoints F. P. Hobgood Committee on Digest of Church Letters. Also W. G. Dean, H. D. Dickerson, and Will Averett, Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

Miscellanies.

Committee on "Stradley Memorial" make final report:

STRADLEY MONUMENT

A committee of three sisters were appointed by Enon Church, February 23, 1912, to ask the other churches of the Association to unite with it in the erection of a monument to the memory of Rev. Joshua A.

Stradley, who died on the 13th day of February, 1912. In the circular addressed to the churches R. H. Marsh was named for the reception of the collected funds. At Florence Avenue (1912) the Association endorsed the effort and appointed R. H. Marsh, J. B. Weatherspoon and L. Thomas a committee to complete the erection of a suitable monument at the grave of our beloved brother. During the session of the Association $25.85 were paid to the Treasurer of the Association, without giving the names of the contributing churches. Of this amount $19.50 were contributed, according to our best information, by three churches and the proper credit given in the report below. This leaves a balance of $6.35 in the Treasurer's check ($25.85) without personal or church credit. We have no means of ascertaining the names of the contributors.

The monument was erected January 18, 1913, at a cost of $350.00. It is constructed of granite and is a beautiful and suitable memorial of a worthy minister. It is six feet high and weighs over 12,000 pounds. On the rear face is inscribed, "Erected by the Flat River Baptist Association".

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged: Amis Chapel, $10.50; Antioch, $2.50; Bethel, $10.70; Bethany, $5.50; Beulah, $26.50; Bullock; $8.25; Concord, $5.70; Corinth, $2.50; Creedmoor, $10.30; Dexter, $7.00; Enon, $22.00; Grassy Creek, $8.00; Hester's, $13.90; Knap of Reeds, $15.00; Island Creek, $10.70; Knott's Grove, $4.50; Mt. Zion, $10.07; Mountain Creek, $10.88; Mill Creek, $5.00; Olive Branch, $1.05; Olive Grove, $2.40; Oxford, $77.95; Peace's Chapel, $2.10; Poplar Creek, $10.00; Roxboro, $5.00; Rock Spring, $10.00; Sharon, $3.00; State Line, $1.00; Stovall, $3.45; Tally Ho, $10.00; Tabb's Creek, $3.00; Rolesville (Wake County), $10.00; a friend, $10.00; S. H. Smith, $5.00; J. S. Hardaway, $2.00; Amos Dean, $5.00; W. A. Nelson, $1.00; G. T. Tunstall, $.50; T. L. Sizemore, $1.00; balance of check, $6.35; cash, $.60. Total, $350.00.

For this amount your committee is credited by receipts from Suffolk Marble Works as shown herewith.

Respectfully,
R. H. Marsh, Chairman.

On motion Clerk is instructed to have cut made of the monument and put in the minutes of the present session. Brother Stradley's widow expresses her sincere thanks and appreciation, through L. Thomas, to the Association for the monument.

Committee on Formation of Fields throughout the Association report:

Your committee to consider the matter of securing pastors and having them settled within the bounds of the Association report, that they have accomplished no visible results. The matter will have to be discussed more and the people be educated up to the point that they will adopt the plan.

B. F. Hester,
A. C. Parham,
Committee.

Discussed by B. F. Hester, R. H. Marsh, J. C. Howard, C. A. Upchurch. Report adopted and reappointment of committee left to the chair.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Nearly twenty-eight years have passed since our orphanage was opened, the exact date being November 11, 1885. Since that time 1,420 children have been enrolled, and the present number is 411. The average cost per child is now about $100 a year. Before the advanced price in living, they were cared for just as well for about two-thirds of this amount. The children are received between the ages of five and twelve years and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

Two dormitories are in process of erection at the Kennedy Memorial Home and will be ready for the reception of children January 1st. Mr. Hartswell Scarborough, a graduate from Wake Forest College, and at present living in Warren County, will have charge of the work there. Last year the State Convention recommended the raising of $30,000 to equip this new home. About $15,000 of this amount has been raised.

During this year some very large donations have been made to the orphanage. Misses Mary and Victoria Galloway, of Transylvania County, have given 375 acres of land. This farm is estimated at $25,000, but is not available during the lifetime of Miss Mary Galloway. Another notable gift was the bequest in the will of Dr. S. W. Little, of Davie County, which is believed will turn $25.000 into the treasury of the orphanage. In addition to these two large gifts, a small sum was given in the will of the late John Pullen.

To some it may seem that the orphanage will have no further need of our aid. This is a mistaken idea. This money will not be used in the daily expenses of the orphanage, but will be put in some permanent memorial to the giver. The feeding and clothing of the children has always devolved upon the churches and Sunday schools.

The most careful attention is given to the sanitary conditions of all the buildings and premises. Personal cleanliness is rigidly required of every child. All is done that can be done to improve and guard the health of the children. There was only one death during last year and this one was caused by a runaway.

The farm at the orphanage is a great help in providing fresh vegetables and food. They work four mules and six horses and cultivate about 175 acres of land. They also keep a fine herd of Holstein cattle.

The school work is carried through the ninth grade. But the practical experience in the sewing room, kitchen, laundry, shoe shop, printing office, and on the farm forms no small part of each child's education and preparation for life.

However good as the above things are, the greatest work of the institution is the moral training that each child is given. "The Kingdom of God" is sought first. Other things come in their relative order.

The needs of the institution are greater than ever before, but the work that they are doing and the possibilities of service that open their arms to them are inestimable. Let us lend a helping hand in this great work by getting all of our churches to send a monthly offering. Then let us, in addition to this, have a special offering from all of our churches on Thanksgiving Day.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. TUNSTALL.

Discussed by Hobgood. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

A report and discussion on education looks to the encouragement of two branches of the work, general and ministerial education—school

training in general and ministerial training in particular. School training is effected in our schools; notably, among Baptists, at Wake Forest, Meredith, and Chowan Colleges, and thirteen high schools located in different parts of the State. Oxford College for women is located within our bounds, and while it is not strictly a Baptist school, it is under Baptist influence and patronage. These are all in a prosperous condition and worthy of the highest praise.

As an association, we are specially interested in the scholastic and Biblical training of our young preachers. Thorough preparation for the pulpit is an acknowledged necessity. This does not ignore the gifts and calling of the Spirit, but it emphasizes human agency and responsibility. Aptness and ability, divine requirements, are needed for defence and propagation of the gospel. Besides, the existence of "schools among the prophets," and the fact of three and a half years of training given the Apostles by the Saviour himself, indicate and illustrate the demand for thorough preparation. The preacher must know what to preach and how to preach. Otherwise the pulpit will be ineffective and powerless to meet the demands of the age and the expressed requirements of the Scriptures. Preparation is as necessary for the successful preacher as it is for the farmer or lawyer. Why not? "Give us this day our daily bread". Bread is given in answer to prayer and hard work.

It is the business of the local church to discover and license "gifts" and "callings"; it is a gracious privilege of the denomination to foster and help by prayer and contribution the "sending forth of labourers into his harvest". One of the qualifications of the office of a bishop is, he shall be "Not a novice"—a new, inexperienced, or untrained man. This period in a preacher's life, between conversion and ordination, our Board of Education seeks to improve and utilize by helping indigent young men, who give assurance of a call to the ministry, to the highest possible opportunities for preparation. The schools and Theological Seminary give free tuition and the Board tries to furnish rations for the young men while in a course of preparation. This help amounts to about $9 per month.

Last year there were ninety-four ministerial and four medical students at Wake Forest, and twenty-six at the Seminary. At Wake Forest eighty received aid from the Board, possibly twenty-five at the Seminary. At the last Convention it was ordered that the funds contributed for the two institutions be united and put under the management of the State Board. This year the cost is set at $7,500 for both places—$5,500 to be used at Wake Forest, and $2,000 at Louisville. Our part of this apportionment has not been fixed. It will probably be $500, double the sum now given.

Young men who can are expected and required to pay for their own board. Only the worthy poor are encouraged to apply to the Board for aid. Every child in the State is entitled to six months free tuition annually. The spirit of patriotism says, "Help all for the public good". Surely the spirit of Christianity may be relied on for help for the needy —especially when the preacher is called by a "Woe be unto me if I preach not the Gospel", and voluntarily surrenders all prospect of pecuniary advantage above a meagre support.

We recommend:

1. A careful and conscientious granting of "license to preach" on the part of the local church. Let a license be a guarantee of genuine worth and honest conviction.

2. A cheerful and enlarged contribution of needed funds and sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH.

Discussed by Dr. Cullom, C. T. Ball, R. H. Marsh, Hobgood, and Morgan. Adopted. On motion committee is appointed to apportion the amount, $500.00, to the different churches, that this Association is requested to raise for Ministerial Education.

Committee appointed to report on Temperance absent. The subject discussed by Beam, J. L. Parham, and R. T. Blackwell.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER

The home is of divine origin and its tremendous influence is of untold value to the individual, to society, the church, and the state. Impressions received in the home during childhood are durable and of supreme moment. The lessons of the college may fade from recollection, its classic love may moulder in the halls of memory; but the simple lessons learned and impressions received in the home, enameled upon the heart of childhood, defy the rust of years and outlive impressions received in later life.

Perhaps nothing makes a greater impression upon, or a larger contribution to the childhood of a home than family prayer. It would baffle the arithmetic of angels to calculate the influence of family prayer upon the Christian world. It should, therefore, be maintained, not only for the parents' spiritual edification, but especially for the good and spiritual well-being of our children. We, therefore, most heartily commend its observance to all parents.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. McFarland, Committee.

Discussed by the author.

On motion committee is appointed to look into the matter of raising funds for church at Wake Forest.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises.

Roll of delegates called and corrected. Roll of pastors called and ten absentees noted.

Rock Grove Church granted letter of dismission to join Beulah Association.

Regular order of business suspended in order that Woman's Work be taken up.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

A year ago in the thirty-seven churches of the Flat River Association, in only ten churches were there missionary societies. In some of these ten churches there were also either Sunbeam Bands or Young Woman's Auxiliaries, so there were more than ten societies of all grades. The societies were doing good work, but we realized that there ought to be more churches with missionary societies in them.

Last September, at the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Flat River Association, at Amis Chapel, we made the determination to make efforts to have a society in every church. With this determination we set to work to make our plans and also to pray for divine help. We divided the Association into districts with leaders in each district, then we said we would try to secure the services of some

trained young woman during the summer to visit the churches for the purpose of enlisting more deeply our women and girls in giving the gospel to a lost world and of organizing societies wherever possible.

Soon after the meeting at Amis Chapel, we learned that Miss Sue Kelly, our former efficient Vice-President of Woman's Work in this Association, was at home. So we wrote her about our plans and asked her to undertake the work. She readily agreed to undertake it. We feel that the Lord greatly blessed us in sending Miss Kelly to us at the time He did, for she knew the churches and people, and how to reach them. Since June 1st, she has visited more than thirty churches, organized twenty-three societies, distributed over three hundred pieces of mission literature, and travelled over 450 miles. We appreciate the help of the pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and other men of the churches, who have so kindly done what they could in arranging appointments for Miss Kelly, and we thank every one who has in any way helped us.

We believe a great work has been begun, and we ask for the *prayers and co-operation of every pastor and every layman* in carrying forward this work which will mean much not only for the women and children, but for the entire church and every department of its work.

Last year these societies of the ten churches gave about $800.00 to missions. This year we are undertaking to give $1,000.00. We felt that if those few gave $800.00 last year, then with all the new societies organized and new women enlisted, we certainly ought to be able to give $1,000.00.

Pray for us that we, the women of the Association, may do all the things that we should, both at home and abroad, for the Kingdom.

MRS. JOHN WEBB, Vice-President,
MRS. C. D. RAY, Secretary.

Discussed by J. A. Beam, Marsh, Weatherspoon, Martin, Tunstall. Adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

It is not the purpose of this report to reproduce the statistics which may be found elsewhere with little difficulty. To say that all our Boards report a substantial increase in both contributions and results as far as these may be tabulated, is sufficient. Let us rather notice briefly some encouraging features that have appeared recently in the missionary life of our churches.

1. There appears a deeper interest in the study of missions. Our secretaries and missionaries, feeling the enthusiasm of accurate knowledge, have placed many books and pamphlets within easy reach of all, and encouraged men and women to read the stories of suffering and success from all the fields. The plan has succeeded. In country and town the mission study class is fast becoming a permanent feature of church life, and liberality is increasing with knowledge.

2. There is a better understanding of the place of missions in the church. We are believing more in the unity of all missions under one principle, and the inseparableness of the missionary spirit and Christian faith. The fact that this report is a report on "Missions" and not on "Home", "State" or "Foreign Missions", bears a happy significance. This Association thinks of all missions as one and thus rebukes the man who would accept one phase of the great enterprise and reject another. Our churches are getting the right perspective. Our people are realizing that missions at home and abroad alike are according to Scriptural teaching, God's method of realizing His redemptive purpose in Christ.

We are learning also that the missionary spirit is bound up with saving faith, that we cannot accept Christ as Saviour and reject Him as Lord, that we cannot answer the great invitation without hearing the great commission. This is something which our churches have not tried to reduce to statistics, but a glimpse at our books will show a large increase in the number of contributors and in the contributions.

3. Our plans for the missionary activities of the church are improving. This appears in the larger plans on the part of the various boards, in the equipment of the various missions, and in the plans of the local churches. All along the line it is becoming easier for men to fall to the great work. Proportionate and systematic giving through the envelope system is being introduced in town and country church alike. Missionary societies are being organized to aid the women, young and old. And the idea of men's missionary societies is no longer dismissed with a smile. The churches are beginning to take missions as seriously as they do the local expenses.

These statements have been made with our own Association in mind. Our progress is wholesome and encouraging. For further growth, therefore, we recommend a study of the principle of missions in the Word of God, the work of missions in the world, and the best methods for reaching and enlisting all Christians in God's great plan of the ages. J. B. WEATHERSPOON, Committee.

Discussed by the author, Dr. Marsh, C. A. Upchurch, Enlistment Field Worker for the Home Mission Board.

F. P. Hobgood asked for churches to try to raise one hundred dollars for Foreign Missions, enough to support a native missionary. The following churches volunteered to try:

Amis Chapel, Beulah, Florence Avenue, Mountain Creek, Stovall, Mt. Zion, Pleasant Grove, Dexter, Hester's, Island Creek and Rock Spring. The report discussed further by J. G. Blalock and G. T. Tunstall.

Adopted.

Report on Digest of Church Letters. See financial table.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Your committee begs leave to report as follows: Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1914; Enon the church, and Rev. G. T. Tunstall, the preacher, with Rev. J. L. Martin, alternate.

W. H. AVERETTE,
W. G. DEAN,
H. D. DICKERSON,
Committee.

Two amendments offered to change the time of the report. After much discussion the amendments were lost and the report was adopted as offered.

See first page for appointment of the various committees by the chair.

Jno. E. Ray, of Raleigh, recognized and welcomed.

The Moderator asks for a leave of absence from the last session of the Association in order that he may fill an engagement made prior to his election as Moderator, and requests R. H. Marsh to occupy the chair during the evening session. Request granted.

Dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Miscellaneous business.

Resolution by J. B. Weatherspoon:

Whereas, the influence and power of whiskey,

Resolved, that we as delegates of the Flat River Association, in session at Poplar Creek Church, do most earnestly and humbly request Judge Barksdale, of Houston, Va., to do all in his power to close the liquor interests in his county contiguous to our borders.

Unanimously adopted.

On motion the Clerk is instructed to incorporate the Report of the Woman's Work, as furnished by the Secretary of their meeting, in the minutes of the Association.

A hat collection taken, amounting to $5.07, to augment the Minute Fund, enough to cover the additional expense incurred in printing the above mentioned matter.

Resolution by F. P. Hobgood:

Resolved, that the churches be requested to take a collection during the year for the Wake Forest Church Building Fund.

Adopted.

Roll of churches called and most of them report favorable conditions at home.

BAPTIST MINISTERS' RELIEF

Nothing in our work impresses me more than the necessity and work of this Board. The function of the same is to supply our wornout ministers with necessaries of life; also the widows of our old brethren.

We are now receiving interest fund from permanent investment, and if our churches will continue to give increasingly, we will soon have a permanent fund invested so as to care nicely for all our aged and worn ministers and their widows, and we recommend more liberal contributions to this end.

Respectfully submitted,
F. P. Hobgood, Committee.

Adopted without discussion. Committee on Obituaries absent. B. F. Hester requested to write report and send to the Clerk to be incorporated in the Minutes.

F. P. Hobgood makes mention of the fact that the late Jno. A. Watkins instructed his son to give one-seventh of his estate to Foreign Missions.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, that this body, by a rising vote, extend its deep and sincere appreciation and thanks to this church and the entire community for its superb and superlative kindness and hospitality extended to us during this meeting of our body.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Weatherspoon.

Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Minute Fund	$ 69.80
Home Missions	35.51
State Missions	13.37
Foreign Missions	14.90
Ministerial Education	8.00
Ministerial Relief	13.80
Sunday School Missions	5.50
Students' Aid Fund	20.00
	$180.88

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. CLARK, Treasurer.

After prayer by C. T. Ball, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place mentioned in the report.

W. A. DEVIN, Moderator.
J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

John A. Watkins was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, but was raised in northern Granville County, North Carolina. He made a profession of religion and was baptized into the fellowship of Grassy Creek Church by Elder R. H. Marsh about fifty years ago. It is necessary only to relate two or three incidents in his life to prove what manner of man he was. At the time of his conversion he lived in a community remote from any church and many (particularly the women and children) through lack of facilities for travelling, were deprived of church and Sunday school privileges. About the first thing with him was to remedy this condition by building a meeting-house, the cost of which and support of the pastor for several years was largely borne by him and his brother, George Watkins. When they selected the site for the house, it was not at the head of his lane, but where it is most accessible to the whole community.

The Lord blessed him in business and he deposited his gains in the bank of heaven. In the disposition of his property at his death, he made the cause of missions one of his heirs, not a residuary legatee, but to have an equal part with his children. Say whether he sincerely desired that every creature should have the good news of salvation.

Two very tough characters who lived in his neighborhood, doubted the fact of Christianity, one going so far as to say there were no Christians. The other said, "You have forgotten John Watkins." The first replied, "I'll agree that if anybody is, he is the man." Did he let his light shine?

After serving his God faithfully for more than fifty years he "came to his grave in a full age (eighty-three years) like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season." B. F. HESTER.

Spencer R. O'Briant.—Early in the '50's he united with Mount Zion Baptist Church and was accounted one among the fixtures of this church, for, let it be said, in honor to his memory, that the doors of his church were never opened for any service during the sixty years of his membership, but that he was there to take part, unless providentially hindered.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POSTOFFICE, AND TIME OF PREACHING

Churches	Pastors and Postoffices	Clerks and Postoffices	Time of Preaching
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine, Woodsdale, 2	A. E. Garner, Virgilina, Va.	1st
Antioch	E. G. Usry, Oxford	W. A. Barton, Roxboro, 5	2nd
Bethany	W. M. Hudson, Scottsburg, Va.	S. L. Cash, Rougemont	3rd
Beulah	G. T. Tunstall, Henderson	T. J. Smith, Oxford, 6	2nd
Bullock	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	T. A. Royster, Bullock	1st
Corinth	Wallace Hartsell, Middlesex	S. H. Usry, Oxford, 2	2nd
Creedmoor	G. P. Harrill, Franklinton	R. H. Rogers, Creedmoor	1st
Concord	J. L. Martin, Stem	C. C. Currin, Northside	2nd
Dexter	E. G. Usry, Oxford	E. J. Green, Dabney	3rd
Enon	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	P. W. Knott, Oxford	4th
Fellowship	E. M. Lassiter, Cary	J. D. Cannady, Creedmoor	3rd
Florence Avenue	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	3rd
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine, Woodsdale, 2	D. T. Winston, Virgilina, Va.	4th
Hester's	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	B. M. Currin, Oxford, 4	2nd
Island Creek		H. T. Shanks, Dabney, 1	4th
Knap of Reeds	O. L. Riggs, Durham	E. J. Nance, Stem	4th
Knott's Grove	G. T. Tunstall, Henderson, 2	J. W. Dean, Oxford, 2	3rd
Mary's Chapel	J. L. Martin, Stem	Willie Pleasant, Creedmoor, 2	2nd
Mt. Zion	W. M. Hudson, Scottsburg, Va.	Roy T. Daniel, Oxford, 1	1st
Mill Creek	J. H. Bass, Republican Grove, Va.	G. W. Walker, Mill Creek	4th
Mountain Creek	P. H. Fontaine, Woodsdale, 2	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, 2	3rd
Mt. Harmony	E. G. Usry, Oxford	T. K. Jones, Moriah	4th
Oxford	J. B. Weatherspoon, Oxford	B. F. Taylor, Oxford	Each Sunday
Olive Grove	R. B. Duckett, Wake Forest	J. W. Keith, Creedmoor, 1	2nd
Peace Chapel	V. A. McGuire, Wake Forest	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, 2	4th
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin, Stem	R. O. Smith, Creedmoor	4th
Poplar Creek	H. G. Bryant, Wake Forest	J. L. Capps, Henderson, 5	1st
Providence	J. H. Gordon, Virgilina, Va.	J. E. Perkins, Roxboro	3rd
Rock Spring		B. F. Knott, Clarksville, Va.	3rd
Rock Grove	J. H. Gordon, Virgilina, Va.	S. T. Slaughter, Roxboro, 2	1st
State Line	V. A. McGuire, Wake Forest	T. L. Sizemore, Soudan, Va.	3rd
Stovall	G. T. Tunstall, Henderson	E. M. Hart, Stovall	1st
Sharon	J. A. Beam, Bethel Hill	W. A. Sherman, Berea, 1	4th
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin, Stem	W. R. Mangum, Stem	3rd
Tabb's Creek	J. B. Weatherspoon, Oxford	J. L. Parham, Oxford	3rd.
West Oxford	E. G. Usry, Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	1st and 3rd

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches	Value of Ch. Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Amis Chapel	$ 2500.00	400	....	1	....	3	....	1	107	113	220
Antioch	1000.00	300	8	....	1	2	....	1	34	61	95
Bethany	500.00	300	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	28	46
Beulah	1700.00	500	20	4	....	10	1	....	65	70	135
Bullock	1000.00	300	9	3	....	....	....	1	37	52	89
Corinth	1000.00	500	2	....	....	4	4	1	47	74	121
Creedmoor	1500.00	400	8	7	2	10	1	....	42	44	86
Concord	1500.00	300	....	1	....	3	....	1	43	52	95
Dexter	1200.00	300	13	3	....	9	....	....	32	42	74
Enon	1500.00	400	19	18	2	5	....	2	103	100	203
Fellowship	600.00	300	4	....	....	4	5	2	30	100	130
Florence Avenue	1500.00	300	....	11	....	1	....	4	43	71	114
Grassy Creek	2500.00	400	....	5	1	6	2	5	94	98	192
Hester's	1500.00	400	38	5	1	19	1	1	119	135	254
Island Creek	2500.00	500	23	4	....	7	....	7	139	158	297
Knap of Reeds	2000.00	300	5	....	....	4	....	1	56	73	129
Knott's Grove	2000.00	250	1	5	....	1	1	....	36	50	86
Mary's Chapel	600.00	400	3	2	2	....	....	2	38	41	79
Mt. Zion	4000.00	600	....	....	2	14	....	3	63	111	174
Mill Creek	1800.00	450	14	....	3	9	7	....	108	180	288
Mountain Creek	1500.00	300	33	....	3	13	3	5	121	156	277
Mt. Harmony	700.00	400	....	3	....	....	....	....	21	49	70
Oxford	18500.00	750	16	24	5	25	....	2	191	297	488
Olive Grove	100.00	300	10	....	....	3	....	2	46	80	126
Peace Chapel	800.00	300	3	8	1	3	1	1	54	73	127
Pleasant Grove	1000.00	450	5	1	1	1	....	3	107	128	235
Poplar Creek	2000.00	300	12	....	....	3	....	2	57	54	111
Providence	1200.00	400	4	4	1	10	1	3	50	99	149
Rock Spring	2000.00	400	15	1	....	....	....	1	68	89	157
Rock Grove	800.00	400	9	2	3	2	5	1	27	36	63
State Line	1000.00	400	19	....	....	3	....	....	45	77	122
Stovall	1800.00	400	11	13	1	16	....	4	76	109	185
Sharon	1000.00	300	....	....	....	2	....	....	37	53	90
Tally Ho	1300.00	400	9	10	2	6	....	2	71	122	193
Tabb's Creek	500.00	250	....	9	....	1	....	....	30	40	70
West Oxford	1000.00	350	5	5	2	....	10	6	34	45	79
Totals	67600.00	....	318	....	....	....	....	67	2289	3160	5449

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Church	Superintendent	Postoffice	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	No. of Schools	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	No. of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions, Orphanage, etc.	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Amis Chapel	S. A. Harris	Virgilina, Va.	6	100	106	1	....	135	12	45	....	$ 31.72	$13.50	$45.22
Antioch	R. W. Wilkerson	Roxboro	7	50	57	1	....	60	7	30	4	.....	.....	.....
Bethany	J. A. Malone	Moriah	5	15	20	1	....	30	9	15	....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah	E. A. Howard	Oxford, 1	9	136	145	1	....	149	12	92	20	91.09	12.55	103.64
Bullock	J. E. Thomas	Bullock	6	60	66	1	....	....	12	50	7	19.59	8.00	27.59
Corinth	J. I. Gordon	Oxford, 2	7	57	64	1	....	50	12	13	....	.....	.....	.....
Creedmoor	R. H. Rogers	Creedmoor	9	91	100	1	....	....	12	65	....	15.00	15.00	30.00
Concord	W. B. Clark	Northside	6	50	56	1	....	....	9	40	....	.....	.....	.....
Dexter	S. A. Green	Oxford	7	61	68	1	....	....	12	36	9	3.27	.....	3.27
Enon	H. T. Hobgood	Oxford	9	182	191	1	....	150	12	110	15	185.42	28.00	213.42
Fellowship	S. A. Cannady	Creedmoor	8	75	83	1	....	80	9	40	....	15.00	.....	15.00
Florence Avenue	J. T. Torian	Virgilina, Va.	7	85	92	1	150	100	12	60	....	.....	50.00	50.00
Grassy Creek	L. Elliott	Nelson, Va.	7	116	123	1	....	....	9	75	....	25.53	12.00	37.53
Hester's	N. F. Hobgood	Oxford, 4	7	120	127	1	....	107	12	80	35	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek	C. H. Sneed	Dabney	12	162	174	1	....	174	12	110	....	8.00	.....	8.00
Knap of Reeds	S. F. Bullock	Lyons	15	101	116	1	....	95	12	70	5	.....	.....	.....
Knott's Grove	S. W. Knott	Oxford, 2	5	45	50	1	....	70	12	34	1	3.45	7.00	10.45
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Wheeler, Jr.	Creedmoor, 1	9	107	116	1	....	93	12	65	....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	J. C. Howard	Oxford, 1	7	100	107	1	....	125	12	45	....	32.24	11.61	43.85
Mountain Creek	R. S. Hart	Oxford, 7	9	95	104	1	....	120	12	67	19	43.99	.....	43.99
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	3	25	28	2	....	30	12	12	....	.....	7.00	7.00
Oxford	W. A. Devin	Oxford	19	294	313	1	425	400	12	171	....	657.37	.....	657.37
Olive Grove	A. B. Smith	Northside	7	90	97	1	....	102	12	47	....	10.58	.....	10.58
Peace Chapel	J. W. Moss	Oxford, 3	8	59	67	1	....	60	12	45	1	2.00	.....	2.00
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smith	Creedmoor	6	80	86	1	....	300	9	67	4	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Creek	J. T. Holloway	Henderson, 5	7	15	22	1	87	250	12	17	5	40.92	.....	40.92
Providence	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro	7	75	82	1	40	60	12	45	2	20.09	.....	20.09
Rock Spring	A. J. Owen	Clarksville, Va.	7	68	71	1	....	....	11	40	11	6.00	12.00	18.00
Rock Grove	J. L. Long	Roxboro	7	51	58	1	....	60	9	24	....	.....	.....	.....
State Line	B. Williamson	Soudan, Va.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stovall	E. M. Hart	Stovall	5	70	75	1	....	....	12	45	....	11.30	8.00	19.30
Sharon	W. A. Sherman	Berea, 1	5	25	30	1	....	40	6	19	....	.....	.....	.....
Tally Ho	W. J. Royster	Stem	8	45	53	1	....	75	12	40	....	6.34	16.67	23.01
Tabb's Creek	J. L. Parham	Oxford, 3	6	50	56	1	....	70	12	40	....	15.08	.....	15.08
West Oxford	C. A. Hurst	Oxford	10	141	151	1	....	....	12	80	5	36.34	42.64	78.98
		Total	262	....	3154	....	....	....	....	1834	143	$1280.32	.....	.....

FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Total
Amis Chapel	$225.00	$ 20.65	$	$ 13.50	$ 20.13	$	$ 51.50	$ 42.98	$ 61.00	$ 3.00	$ 30.87	$	$	$	$	$ 468.63
Antioch	150.00		10.00	4.00			20.75		10.26				5.30	9.15		209.46
Beulah	200.00	496.37	73.48	12.55			44.63	24.13	71.85	10.00	46.98	1.50		6.15	76.76	1064.40
Bethany	75.00	61.10					4.00				5.25					145.35
Bullock	150.00		21.00	8.00	85.00		5.00	4.85	6.05		19.53		3.00	2.47	.73	305.63
Corinth	150.00	3.00					10.73	2.70	7.22		4.50		2.70	2.70	67.00	255.55
Creedmoor	200.00	2.00	20.00				30.57	22.61	29.50		31.78		4.00	4.00	51.65	396.11
Concord	125.00		30.00	6.00			5.75	5.66	11.65		13.81					197.87
Dexter	125.00		19.27	10.00	3.32		40.76	18.00	3.10	1.00	3.27		2.39			255.11
Enon	275.25		102.70				48.75	57.05	126.85		135.62		20.50	16.00	93.40	876.12
Fellowship	150.00		5.00	8.00			7.60	7.00	7.00		15.00			9.75		209.35
Florence Avenue	250.00		35.00	50.00			36.50	56.27	65.45		46.84		10.35	6.28		556.69
Grassy Creek	200.00	35.25		9.19	5.30		30.91	12.25	30.00		57.85			5.04	10.50	405.99
Hester's	250.00	7.53		23.96		3.00	20.00	25.47	30.00		50.89		17.73	14.15	2.50	445.23
Island Creek	250.00	332.00	32.49				25.00	43.60	56.60	3.00	20.00		18.00	8.00		782.69
Knap of Reeds	150.00	3.00	11.20				17.02	13.50	13.50		19.61		4.50	3.50	42.50	278.32
Knott's Grove	150.00	19.00		7.00			31.25	18.25	24.25	2.00	12.50	4.00	3.25	2.80	43.05	318.35
Mary's Chapel	60.00	500.00		7.97			4.00	4.25	4.00		4.24				1.00	585.46
Mt. Zion	200.00	22.50	14.39	11.61			49.47	35.22	74.83		21.64		7.85	6.43	19.50	463.44
Slaughter Fund	20.00						156.50		156.51							333.01
Mountain Creek	225.00		24.00	10.20	34.50		63.54	20.66	62.89		75.88	25.00	9.08	6.00	163.00	719.75
Mt. Harmony	85.00	40.00					3.00	3.07	3.00		4.25			3.50		141.82
Mill Creek	250.00	9.81	25.00	7.00	5.25		61.50	52.20	230.75	5.50	73.75		25.00	12.00	30.80	788.56
Oxford	1350.00	1093.31	412.92	84.04	259.50		274.75	272.79	600.00	15.02	222.23	110.00	7.00	9.48	55.80	4766.84
Olive Grove	140.00		3.00	12.38			7.61	15.17	9.88	1.50	4.50		1.95	1.95		197.94
Peace Chapel	125.00	58.15		6.00			.75	4.70	2.95		3.00				27.20	227.75
Pleasant Grove	200.00	6.75	5.00	7.50	13.50		5.37	4.44	10.00		10.84			2.00		265.40
Poplar Creek	200.00			5.45			40.88	36.35	106.04		28.85		4.18		68.90	489.85
Providence	125.00	13.00		7.00			9.89	7.73	8.55		13.09			2.12	5.00	191.38
Rock Spring	240.00	35.00	12.00	12.00			18.12	10.00	21.81		16.45	200.00	4.70			564.08
Rock Grove	100.00	8.00	21.00	6.00	3.25		.85	6.10	15.05	.25	.65		.75		5.00	166.90
State Line	125.00	12.00	12.00	3.00		1.20		6.52	12.50		2.62		.56		1.20	200.80
Stovall	200.00	98.00	25.00	8.00		3.51	20.82	26.50	51.47	3.00	25.22		9.57	8.28	98.50	577.41
Sharon	100.25			2.00			19.30	8.25	17.10		18.45			1.85	7.00	174.20
Tally Ho	225.00		35.00	16.67			20.00	5.75	10.00		48.55		2.40	4.80	56.00	440.94
Tabb's Creek	100.00		10.40	6.00			14.01	7.32	17.45		12.30				15.75	183.23
West Oxford	250.00	39.40	42.00	42.64			12.30	15.22	3.22	7.00	20.00		2.26		9.34	444.88
Totals	$7395.50	$2915.82	$1001.85	$408.26	$429.75	$7.71	$1213.38	$896.58	$2001.28	$51.27	$1120.81	$340.50	$167.02	$148.40	$952.08	$19094.59

PROCEEDINGS

of the

Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association

The fourth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association met with Poplar Creek Church, Tuesday morning, July 15, 1913, with the Vice-President, Mrs. John Webb, in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. John Webb, of Oxford.

Mrs. L. J. Capps extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the Society at Poplar Creek, which was responded to by Mrs. Sneed, of Amis Chapel.

The roll was then called, the delegates from the different churches responding with a few words. There were about sixty present.

The Vice-President then addressed the meeting, giving a short history of work done in Association during the past year. With the help of Miss Sue Kelly, twenty-three new societies have been organized and the keynote was "prayer and progress".

After a short prayer by Miss Barrus, Corresponding Secretary of State, Miss Kelly presented "The Needs and Plans of our Work" in a forcible and earnest manner, also emphasizing the enlistment of Junior Societies.

After singing one stanza of "Praise Him", a talk on "Mission Study" was made by Mrs. J. B. Weatherspoon, of Oxford.

An interesting paper on State Missions was then read by Mrs. H. M. Shaw, President of Oxford Society.

A discussion of "Personal Service" was led by Mrs. W. D. Amis, of Virgilina, many others joining in.

The following committees were appointed:

Time and Place—Miss Ettie Washington, Miss Ruth Dean, Mrs. J. T. Averette, Mrs. B. R. Currin.

Nominations—Mrs. Sam Knott, Mrs. E. K. Howard, Mrs. C. W. Sneed.

Obituaries—Mrs. W. T. Harris, Mrs. E. G. Usry, Miss Eugenia Cannady.

Literature—Mrs. H. J. Council, Miss Lillie Overton, Miss Sue Kelly.

Meeting then adjourned, with prayer by Miss Kelly, till the afternoon session.

After a bountiful dinner served on the church grounds, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 o'clock, and devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Harris, of Virgilina.

The discussion on "Personal Service" was continued from morning session, and it was moved and carried that each person would try to do more practical work at home.

Miss Barrus then gave us a most interesting and instructive talk on the "Jubilate Year".

Dr. C. T. Ball, of Fort Worth, Texas, formerly from Poplar Creek Church, was with us and made an interesting talk on the Training School of the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. This was followed by a few words from Miss Kelly on the Louisville Training School.

Reports on committees followed.

Committee on Time and Place recommended some other time than that of the regular meeting of the Association. This was voted on by the session to meet September, 1914, place to be decided later.

Committee on Literature recommended the Biblical Recorder, Mission Field, Foreign Mission Journal, and Home Field. The report was adopted.

Committee on Nomination moved to re-elect the former officers, with leaders for four districts appointed by Vice-President as follows:

1st, Mrs. W. D. Amis, Mrs. W. T. Harris; 2nd, Mrs. S. W. Knott; 3rd, Miss Sue Kelly; 4th, Mrs. S. C. Lyon, Mrs. J. F. Sanderford.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Inasmuch as it has pleased our all-wise Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our dear sisters Mrs. Harper Wilborn, Mrs. Walter Stephenson, and Miss Carrie Torian

Resolved, 1st: That our societies have lost faithful members, but our loss is their eternal gain.

2nd: That we bow in humble submission to the will of God, knowing that He doeth all things well.

3rd: That we extend our love and sympathy to the bereaved families, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes.

The last subject was "The Home Mission Task", which was presented by Miss Kelly with her usual force and enthusiasm.

A vote of thanks was extended the Poplar Creek Society for their generous hospitality.

The closing devotions were led by Mrs. Sam Knott, after which meeting adjourned till September, 1914, place to be appointed later.

Mrs. John Webb, Vice-President,
Mrs. W. S. Harris, 2nd Vice-President,
Mrs. C. D. Ray, Secretary.

LIST OF DELEGATES AND VISITORS

Amis Chapel—Mrs. Ira Mulchi, Mrs. C. W. Sneed, Mrs. W. D. Amis, Mrs. W. T. Harris.

Beulah Church—Mrs. J. T. Averette, Miss Salina Brinkley, Mrs. J. P. Bradsher.

Brassfield—Mrs. John Floyd.

Corinth—Miss Lila Eakes, Miss Lula Eakes, Miss Lillie Overton, Mrs. S. H. Usry, Mrs. B. R. Currin.

Enon—Miss Eugenia Cannady.

Grassy Creek—Mrs. Sallie Owen.

Hester's—Miss Alma Dean, Miss Ruth Dean, Miss Essie Frazier, Miss Hallie Dean.

Island Creek—Miss Ellen Shanks, Miss Annie L. May, Miss Sue Kelly, Mrs. J. L. Kelly.

Knott's Grove—Mrs. S. W. Knott.

Mount Zion—Miss Ila Daniel, Miss Hannah Daniel.

Mary's Chapel—Miss Ila Wilson, Miss Ethel Jackson.

Mountain Creek—Miss Ethel Blackwell, Mrs. Minnie D. Nelson.

Oxford—Mrs. Howard Dorsey, Mrs. H. M. Shaw, Mrs. H. J. Council, Mrs. J. B. Weatherspoon, Mrs. John Webb, Mrs. W. N. Fuller, Mrs. E. K. Howard, Mrs. L. T. Evans, Mrs. Geo. E. Cheatham, Miss Mary Webb, Miss Mary Shaw, Miss Mary R. Hancock, Mrs. Geo. T. Watkins, Mrs. Kate Cheatham, Mrs. T. C. Harris, Mrs. C. D. Ray, Miss Isabelle Parham.

Oxford (South)—Mrs. E. G. Usry.

Poplar Creek—Mrs. J. L. Capps, Miss Ethel Ellington, Miss Mary Ball.

Tabb's Creek—Mrs. A. C. Parham.

Tally Ho—Mrs. J. P. Bradsher, Miss Ruth Webb, Miss Janie Clayton, Miss Ettie Washington.

Miss Blanche Barrus, Mrs. Rosa Parham, Mrs. J. M. Sikes.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION

Flat River Baptist Association

ENON CHURCH
JULY 14-15, 1914

Moderator: W. A. DEVIN, Oxford, N. C.
Clerk: J. C. HOWARD, Oxford, N. C.
Treasurer: LEWIS CLARK, Virgilina, Va., R. F. D.

Next Session meets with Oxford Baptist Church, on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1915

Introductory Sermon by Rev. E. R. Nelson
Henderson, N. C.

CONSTITUTION FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Art. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association and, at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

DELEGATES

Member of Board of Missions—T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Convention—G. T. Lumpkin.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—Messrs. J. C. Howard P. H. Fontaine, J. L. Martin.

Executive Board—Messrs. T. H. Street, Pervis Tillery, and Millington Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES

Arnette, Rev. D. W. ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Atkinson, Rev. J. W. ..... Neuse, N. C.
Bass, Rev. J. H. ..... Republican Grove, Va.
Bass, Rev. S. A. ..... Woodsdale, N. C.
Barnes, Rev. J. H. ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Beam, Rev. J. A. ..... Bethel Hill, N. C.
Fontaine, Rev. P. H. ..... R. 2, Woodsdale, N. C.
Gordon, Rev. J. H. ..... Virgilina, Va.
Griggs, Rev. W. L. ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Harrell, Rev. G. P. ..... Franklinton, N. C.
Humphries, Rev. J. K. ..... Woodsdale, N. C.
Hudson, Rev. W. M. ..... Scottsburg, Va.
Lumpkin, Rev. G. T. ..... Oxford, N. C.
Martin, Rev. J. L. ..... Stem, N. C.
Marsh, Rev. R. H. ..... Oxford, N. C.
Nelson, Rev. E. R. ..... Henderson, N. C.
Peele, Rev. R. E. ..... Clarksville, Va.
Putnam, Rev. D. F. ..... Roxboro, N. C.
Riggs, Rev. O. L. ..... Durham, N. C.
Reid, Rev. C. V. ..... Wake Forest, N. C.
Tunstall, Rev. G. T. ..... Oxford, N. C.
Usry, Rev. E. G. ..... Oxford, N. C.
Yates, Rev. O. W. ..... Cary, N. C.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS

Jones, Rev. R. H. ..... R. 5, Roxboro, N. C.
Devin, Rev. R. I. ..... Oxford, N. C.
Currin, Rev. Joe B. ..... Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION

Foreign Missions—
State Missions— } Reports by P. H. Fontaine.
Home Missions—
Periodicals—T. H. Street.
Education—J. L. Martin.
Orphanage—F. P. Hobgood
Sunday Schools—B. S. Royster.
Temperance—T. B. Hill.
Ministerial Relief—J. A. Beam.
Woman's Work—G. T. Lumpkin.
Family Prayer—Jasper Dean.
Obituaries—B. F. Hester.
Order of Business, 1915—R. H. Marsh, G. T. Lumpkin, E. G. Usry.
Executive Committee of the Four Divisions for Fifth Sunday Work—

1. P. H. Fontaine, A. D. Frazier, W. E. Yancey, and R. T. Blackwell.
2. E. G. Usry, J. C. Howard, Pervis Tilley, and B. F. Dean.
3. G. T. Tunstall, E. M. Hart, J. E. Owen, and J. W. Dean.
4. J. L. Martin, C. R. Gordon, Will Mangum, and F. W. Hancock.

Layman's Movement Committee—B. S. Royster, J. C. Howard, T. G. Currin.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR SESSION OF 1915

Tuesday

10:00 to 10:45—Introductory Sermon.
10:45 to 11:00—Organization.
11:00 to 11:30—Periodicals.
11:30 to 12:30—Sunday Schools.
Intermission.
2:00 to 2:15—Miscellaneous.
2:15 to 3:00—Orphanage.
3:00 to 4:00—Education—General—Ministerial.
4:00 to 4:30—Ministerial Relief. Tuesday, 8:15 p. m. Address on Benevolence.

Wednesday

9:20 to 9:40—Devotional Exercises.
9:40 to 10:00—Roll Call.
10:00 to 12:00—Missions—Foreign, Home, State.
12:00 to 12:30—Digest of Church Letters.
Intermission.
2:00 to 2:30—Miscellaneous.
2:30 to 3:00—Temperance.
3:00 to 3:45—Woman's Work.
3:45 to 4:15—Obituaries.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Amis Chapel—C. W. Sneed, Rowland Frazier, W. L. Clark.
Antioch—C. H. Tapp, W. B. Reams.
Beulah —T. J. Smith, Sam Moss.
Bethany—J. T. Newton, Henry Franklin, A. S. Carrington.
Bullocks—R. A. Norwood, R. M. Pittard.
Creedmoor—W. H. Averette, A. E. Hobgood.
Corinth—J. I. Gordon, E. B. Mangum, S. H. Usry.
Concord—James Cash, D. M. Melton.
Dexter—S. A. Green, E. H. Faucette.
Enon—W. C. Currin, D. C. Frazier, T. G. Currin.
Florence Avenue—T. B. Hill, F. E. Winfree.
Fellowship—S. A. Cannady.
Grassy Creek—Lee Yancey.
Hester's—B. F. Currin, N. F. Hobgood, Oscar Yancey.
Island Creek—C. C. O'Brian, B. Shotwell, H. T. Shanks.
Knap of Reeds—C. S. Frazier, H. M. Cozort, E. H. Veazy.
Knott's Grove—A. S. Frazier, J. R. Knott, J. W. Dean.
Mt. Zion—M. Blalock, R. T. Daniel.
Mt. Harmony—H. C. Fogleman, T. K. Jones.
Mill Creek—J. R. Tingen, T. H. Street.
Mountain Creek—R. T. Blackwell, E. Hart, H. A. Hart.
Mary's Chapel—J. W. Wheelous.
Olive Grove—W. D. Emory.
Oxford—B. S. Royster, F. P. Hobgood, J. C. Howard.
Olive Branch—J. P. Stovall.
Providence—
Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, C. N. Critcher, P. E. Wilkerson.
Pleasant Grove—S. H. Mize, W. C. Daniel.
Peace Chapel—J. F. Newton, L. L. Gresham, N. B. Dickerson.
Rock Springs—Asa Williams.
Sharon—L. B. McFarland, J. C. Currin, A. M. Dewey.
State Line—R. E. Peele.
Stovall—E. M. Hart.
Tabb's Creek—W. J. Brummitt, O. C. Hester.
Tally Ho—W. J. Royster, W. T. Currin.
West Oxford—D. F. Lanier, F. M. Wilson, C. C. Tillotson.

Proceedings

ENON CHURCH
July 14, 1914.

The Association meets in the 121st annual session with Enon Baptist Church. According to appointment Rev. G. T. Tunstall preached the Introductory Sermon: subject, "Our Missionary Field." Mat. 13:38.

After the sermon, the Moderator of the last session, W. A. Devin, calls the association to order. Roll of churches called which showed delegates present from 32 out of 36 churches. A quorum being present the association proceeded to organize for the transaction of business by electing officers for the present session.

On motion J. C. Howard was instructed to cast the ballot of the association for W. A. Devin, Moderator. Ballot Cast.

J. S. Martin instructed to cast ballot of the association for J. C. Howard, clerk. Ballot cast.

Clerk instructed to cast ballot of the association for W. L. Clark, Treasurer. Ballot Cast.

Order of Business, as recommended in the Minutes of last session adopted.

Farmer, Hamrick and J. B. Weatherspoon recognized.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

In the propagation of the truth nothing, save the oral preaching of the gospel, is a greater factor than the printed page. No one is able to estimate the power, for good or evil, of the book or newspaper. In the history of a nation, or denomination, or family there is no greater influence for good than its religious literature.

The Christian periodical, combining the features of instruction and news, plays one of the most important functions in the growth and efficiency of a church and a denomination. A denomination will never be better nor more virile than its literature. A church will never develop normally and maintain an active interest in denominational enterprises unless its members read their denominational periodicals.

The present state of intelligence and efficiency of North Carolina Baptists is in no small part the fruit of the influence of our denominational papers, chief among which is the Biblical

Recorder. And it may be said with equal emphasis that the reason so large a proportion of North Carolina Baptists are today untrained and unenlisted in the kingdom enterprises is because they have not read and do not read our denominational organs, doubtless reading no Christian literature at all.

It is, therefore, with the realization of the vital importance of the matter that we urge the head of every family in the Flat River Association to make our denominational periodicals a part of his household equipment. We can commend them all without reservation.

The Recorder, for more than three-quarters of a century has been making its silent visits to thousands of North Carolina homes and has been an inestimable blessing to every one. Venerable with age, it is virile and still growing, and is indispensible to its constituency.

Charity and Children keeps us informed with reference to one of the sweetest charities within the range of Christian activity and is mighty in the building of character.

The Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field bring fresh from their respective fields each month news of our workers, who are substituting for us in lands and places that we cannot reach personally. The intelligence they bring of results achieved and victories won hearten and encourage the home forces to greater endeavor.

The reading of all these periodicals is indispensible to intelligent and efficient service on the part of church members.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. NELSON.

Discussed by Farmer of Biblical Recorder and Hamrick of Charity and Children, and Nelson for the Missionary Magazines. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

No department of religious endeavor is commanding more attention at this time than the Sunday School work. All denominations are putting new thought and new life into the business of religious training of the church constituency. In fact Christianity is at last awaking to the real meaning and the wonderful possibilities of the Sunday School. It is no longer looked upon as an institution for the entertainment of children and left to the direction of the women. It has come to pass that the Sunday School is now considered a distinct and vital part of the church work and worship. And the church member who does not attend Sunday

School is regarded derelict to his duty. The teaching department of the church service is as much advertised and regarded as important as the preaching service.

And should it be for the time now is when the adult church member needs to study the Divine Truth as well as children. This intelligent age will no longer countenance ignorance of the Book on the part of the church member. That is far behind the times who thinks and talks of the Sunday School as an organization for children and young people. We are learning that the Sunday School is the teaching department of the church. That it has great possibilities for all the church; that it is a real man's job.

And men are doing some real thinking and planning for more thorough systematic training in the Sunday School. New ideals, better equipment, and wiser systems of teaching are the topics of discussion in the Sunday School Conference of today. Experts are giving their entire time and thought to produce more efficiency in the work and the best men in the church are enlisted in the enterprise. It is rapidly growing to be one of the mightiest influences in Christian endeavor. Our Baptist people are not behind in this new enthusiasm. The new wine of greater efficiency, better equipment, larger enlistment, and better helps has stirred the blood in our veins and we are moving on.

Encouraging reports come from every quarter. Our Baptist literature is attractive and well prepared. Our moral training courses for teachers are illuminating and unsurpassed. We are beginning to enter the very promised land of Sunday School possibilities. Every year shows splendid increase in membership and an increasing percentage of trained teachers. The graded lesson helps afford unusual facilities for training in the doctrines of the church. Every prospect pleases.

Your committee would urge that our churches plan to add Sunday School equipment of three or four or more rooms to their present buildings, if possible, and that those planning to build shall not overlook the very necessary feature of church work— the Sunday School— and build to provide for its needs.

We would recommend further that the pastors and superintendents will endeavor to enlist all the teachers and as many others as possible in teacher training classes; that the officers and teachers as far as possible attend Sunday School Institutes and Conferences; that every church set up as a standard, at least as many scholars in the Sunday School as there are members on the church roll.

And above all let us resolve to make our Schools the center of systematic evangelistic effort and make united prayer that our

teaching shall point men to " the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

G. T. LUMPKIN.

Discussed by author and B. S. Royster, adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS: Fontaine and Street urged that a contribution to Wake Forest church be made. On motion of R. H. Marsh a committee was appointed to present uniform plan for benevolence. Marsh, Fontaine and Lumpkins appointed on that committee.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Nearly twenty-nine years have passed since the founding of our orphanage, the exact date being November 11, 1885. Since that time more than 1,400 children have been enrolled. There are now present 423. The average for the year was 418. The average cost per capita of living is a little higher than last year. Last year it was $8.23 while this year is $8.97 per month.

The Kennedy Home has been opened and a few children are down there. This will call for enlarged contributions during the coming year.

In the course of a few months we expect to have fifty children in addition to the number we have had this year. This also means that larger contributions from the churches and Sunday Schools will be needed.

The most careful attention is given to the sanitary conditions of all the buildings and premises. Personal cleanliness is rigidly required of every child, and everything possible is done to improve and guard the health of all the children.

The farm at the orphanage is a great help in providing fresh vegetables and food. They work four mules and six horses and cultivate about 175 acres of land. They also keep a fine herd of cattle.

The school work is carried through the ninth grade. But the practical experience of the sewing room, kitchen, laundry, shoe shop, printing office, and on the farm forms no small part of each child's education and preparation for life.

However good as the above things are, the greatest work of the institution is the moral training that each child is given. "The Kingdom of God" is sought first. Other things come in their relative order.

The needs of the institution are greater than ever before, but the work that it is doing and the possibilities of service that stretch out before it are inestimable. Let us lend our assistance in this great work by getting all our churches to send a monthly

offering. Then in addition to this, let us have a special offering from all our churches and Sunday Schools on Thanksgiving Day.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE. B. CURRIN.

Discussed by J. B. Currin, F. P. Hobgood and Brother Hamrick, adopted.

On motion of B. S. Royster, at request of J. A. Beam the subject of "Woman's Work" is substituted for Education.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

It is with great pleasure I am called upon to write the following report:

We note with interest their watch word, "For ye serve the Lord Christ," and I will add further "with gladness." Our women are a happy loyal band of workers.

Flat River has twenty-seven societies, ranging in contributions from 25cts to $412.00. Oxord stands first, $412.00. Roxboro comes second, $125.50. Mill Creek third, $108.00. Total from 27 societies, $1,130.52. Of the 49 associations in North Carolina in which our women have societies, eight make better reports than Flat River.

We think our Association Vice-President (Mrs. John Webb) should be especially commended. It was through her influence we had Miss Sue Kelly, who did such excellent work in organizing our women last year.

The Woman's Mission Union of the Flat River Association is composed of 36 Missionary Societies.

Woman's Missionary Societies	25
Young Woman's Auxiliaries	2
Sunbeams	8
Royal Ambassador Chapters	1
Total	36

Three-fourths of these societies have reported each quarter and each one sent in report twice during year.

Total contributions to Missions $1,268.30.

In addition to the regular gifts to Missions the Societies gave $40 to Miss Sue Kelly who spent last summer in visiting the churches and organizing Societies.

The women of the North Carolina State Convention gave in 1906, $20,804.89. Seven years thereafter (1914) they gave $40,255.13, a gain of $19,450.24 or nearly 100 per cent.

T. H. STREET, Committee.

Discussed by the author, adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Having been appointed to prepare the report on Temperance in place of Brother A. C. Parham who died on January 16, 1914, I have been trying to learn as much as I could of the situation throughout the State and Nation so that I might make an intelligent report. I find that nine states have state-wide prohibition laws, viz: Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee and West Virginia and that the question of Temperance reform is being agitated throughout the whole nation. Remarkable success has been achieved in the last ten years until now fifty-three percent of the people living in over two thirds of the area of this nation have outlawed the traffic; and there is a well organized and determined movement on the part of the churches led by the Anti-Saloon League to write prohibition in the constitution of the United States.

Already there is pending in Congress a resolution which will submit this proposition to the various states and the indications are that in the not distant future this resolution will be passed by Congress.

This does not mean National Prohibition but it does mean that the question is being submitted to the states and when three-fourths of the states (thirty-six) shall through their Legislatures ratify this amendment it will become a part of the Constitution. The temperance workers of the nation calculate that by earnest endeavor and persistent activity this can be accomplished in the next eight or ten years. An undertaking so worthy and a task so difficult ought to commend the respect, the sympathy and support of every church and every church member in this Association.

It is confidently predicted that in the state-wide prohibition elections to be pulled off this fall, Washington, Colorado, and Virginia will vote dry, and in 1915 there are likely to be not less than one half dozen state-wide prohibition campaigns. I learned from literature and personal information from Brother R. L. Davis superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League that the conditions in our State are good, that municipal county and state officers are more active in enforcing the law than they have been heretofore. That the people are more willing to give evidence and are more determined that lawless liquor selling must cease. The action of the State Democratic Convention last month, declaring for rigid enforcement of the prohibition law and declaring that drinking, drunkenness, and the crimes which follow are decreasing is a forward step for a political party and deserves the commendation of Christian people.

We learned further that the Anti-Saloon League is leading a campaign to pass a law at the next General Assembly to prohibit the delivery of whiskey for beverage purpose in North Carolina. That various churches, sunday schools and young peoples, societies have endorsed this movement. That the representatives elected from Cleveland and Gaston counties have been instructed by the representative Democratic County Conventions to support such a bill and that a good many of those who have been nominated for the Legislature have expressed themselves as favorable to this measure and if the churches are properly active in the next six months we will be able to pass this measure.

I therefore recommend that this Association put itself on record as heartily favoring such a bill and that a copy of this report be sent to Rev. R. L. Davis, Superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League with the request that he present this part of it to the next General Assembly.

I recommend again that the accompanying resolutions after being passed upon by the Association be sent respectively to our Senator and Congressman at Washington. In conclusion I suggest that our people who are anxious to see nation-wide prohibition send personal letters and in other ways let their representatives at Washington feel their influence.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. USRY, Committee.

G. T. Lumpkins reads resolutions and gives notice that same will be offered.

Report ably discussed by its author, P. H. Fontaine, and E. B. Meadows. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS: 1. U. S. House of Representatives. 2. Prohibition. 3. A copy to each of our United States Senators.

RESOLUTION ON PROHIBITION

Whereas the Baptist State Convention, last December, in its report on temperance says:

"We believe that since the Webb Law provides that the state can control this matter, that North Carolina ought to prohibit liquors being shipped into the state; therefore, we appeal to our lawmakers to prohibit such at the next General Assembly. We point with pride to the counties of Burke, Macon, Rutherford, Mitchell and Avery, where such laws already exist."

and,

Whereas the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, in keeping with the action of the Baptist State Convention and other church

gatherings, is now actively engaged in a campaign to pass a law to prohibit the delivery of liquor for beverage purposes by the next General Assembly; therefore, be it

Resolved that we, the Flat River Association, heartily concur in the action of our State Convention and approve of the action of the Anti-Saloon League.

Resolved second, that this association appoint Prof. F. P. Hobgood a committee of one to present this resolution to the next General Assembly, and in our behalf to appear before the committee on liquor traffic.

Resolved third, that we assure the Anti-Saloon League of our whole-hearted support in their every effort to exterminate the beverage liquor traffic and that we will welcome their speakers to our pulpits to present the matter of temperance reform to our congregations. Adopted.

E. G. USRY, Committee.

To the United States House of Representatives. Care of the Hon. Chas. M. Stedman, Washington, D. C.:

We, the Flat River Association, assembled at Enon near Oxford, N. C., July 14, 1914, earnestly petition for the speedy passage of House Joint Resolution, No. 168, by Mr. Hobson, of Alabama, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for nation-wide prohibition of the beverage traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Adopted:

W. A. DEVIN, Moderator
J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

To the United States Senate. Care of the Hons. Lee S. Overman and F. M. Simmons, Washington, D. C.:

We, the Flat River Baptist Association assembled at Enon Church, near Oxford, N. C., July 14, 1914, earnestly petition for the speedy passage of Senate Joint Resolution, No. 88, by Mr. Sheppard, of Texas, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for nation-wide prohibition of the beverage traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Adopted:

W. A. DEVIN, Moderator.
J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional exercises conducted by P. H. Fontaine.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Clerk is informed that the back numbers of the minutes of the Association, necessary to complete the file can be obtained.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE

Whereas, there is a wide-spread, and well-nigh general neglect of the Scriptural Method of "Collection for the Saints," as laid down in 1 Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," etc.

Therefore, Resolved, that we accept the obligation and urgently recommend to all the churches this Apostolic "order" of the "Every-Member-Plan" of church collections—applying the principle to church expenses and works of benevolence.

For the purpose of securing unity of effort we suggest:

1. That the aim be to obtain a liberal contribution from every member.

2. That the minimum amount of all expenditures, current, mission and benevolent be indicated by the church and be raised on the "budget plan"—each object being provided for on a pro rata basis.

3. That collections be made monthly by a Finance Committee and paid to a Treasurer, who shall forward the same at least quarterly.

R. H. MARSH,
P. H. FONTAINE,
G. T. LUMPKIN.

Adopted without discussion.

A vote of thanks and appreciation extended to this church and the land owners adjacent, for their kindness in not allowing soft drinks to be sold anywhere here or hereabout.

Resolution by G. T. Lumpkin:

Resolved, that the Flat River Association express its appreciation of the work of Miss Sue Kelly in the organization and encouragement of the Woman's Missionary Societies in our Association. Adopted.

G. T. LUMPKIN.

Resolution of G. T. Tunstall:

Resolved, that we recommend and urge the county churches of the Flat River Association that they will seek to co-operate with each other, so far as is practicable and possible for the formation of fields and the location of pastors.

G. T. TUNSTALL.

Adopted after discussion by Tunstall, Lumpkins and Marsh.

Report on Missions—State, Home and Foreign.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

There are some things of which we hear so much that we fail to be impressed with their importance as we should. If some one who had grown to maturity were to see the sun rise for the first time, he would be astonished beyond measure and consider it the greatest sight he had ever beheld, but every morning, as far back as he can remember, the sun has risen and filled the world with light.

If a stranger were to hear for the first time the story of our State Mission work, if he were interested at all in the needs of the Kingdom, he would be thrilled by a recital of what has been accomplished but we North Carolina Baptists live in the midst of it all and have heard from year to year about the achievements of our missionaries; and so it has come to be a worn-out tale. But if by any peculiar circumstance we were forced to suspend the work of State Missions for a single year, our whole denominational machinery would suffer a distinct jar.

State Missions lies at the very base of all our other work. As an endowment often makes it possible for any great institution to conduct its affairs in a more satisfactory way and gives stability and permanency to the work of such institution, so State Missions stimulates and vitalizes every department of our denominational activities. Just before the beginning of the last century, William Carey went out as a missionary from England. His going created an interest in missions in England unknown before. Missionary societies were formed in different sections of England to aid in the support of William Carey. The news came across the water that Carey had gone out as a missionary and the missionary fires were kindled in this country. Societies were formed in many states of the Union. In 1812 Judson and Rice went out as Congregational missionaries from America, but we were converted to the Baptist views and were baptized after reaching Burma. This deepened the interest in Foreign Missions in this country. But

when some organized effort was begun for the support of our Foreign Mission work, it caused the United States to see how much their own country stood in need of evangelizing, and so in almost every state the State Mission Society was converted into a convention and active measures were taken to plant churches in the destitute sections in the several states and to strengthen the one already in existence. So while Foreign Missions was the immediate cause of the awakening of a missionary interest it was seen that the success of Foreign Missions depended upon mission work at home.

Not only Foreign Missions, but every other department of our denominational work has felt through all these 80 years the impulse of our State Mission endeavors. All our educational institutions, our Orphanage, the education of young preachers and the care of our old ones, all draw liberally upon the churches planted and supported by the State Mission Board.

Nor is the work of State Missions yet completed. Indeed, the needs are more urgent than ever. We have come to the time of intensive cultivation. The board must go back over the same ground and plant new churches, because new communities are opening up and our country is becoming more thickly populated. In many country districts new churches are needed and some of the old ones have been weakened by removal to town. This places upon the Board a new burden in its work in the country. Towns are springing up along all the new lines of railroad and each one of these towns calls for aid from the Board. Many of the towns in which the Board aided in the support of one church years ago have grown so rapidly that more money must be expended now in these places than when the work was first begun. Then one church served the purpose, while now the Board has from one to four new churches in each of these new places. The demands are great for more money in the support given to all our important enterprises, but we cannot retrench in our work for State Missions, because, in enlarging our State Mission work, we are adding to our endowment, which makes possible a larger work along all lines of denominational endeavor.

Let no one suppose that there is any conflict, or rivalry, between the departments of our mission work. It is all one and we are simply carrying out the order of our divine Lord in beginning at Jerusalem and reaching to the ends of the earth. We are doing State Mission work, not to the neglect of Foreign Missions, but for the sake of Foreign Missions. The neglect of State Mission work now means a cutting off of support to Foreign Mission work in the years to come.

We have this year 150 missionaries, laboring at over 300 points. We are also expending $7,500.00 this year in aiding weak mission points in their efforts to build houses of worship. This church building fund has been contributed by the women and nothing that we have done in the way of State Missions during the last decade has brought richer returns.

We shall need this year, to meet our obligations to State Missions, $55,000.00. This is $5,000.00 more than we have ever raised, but we are abundantly able to do it and we cannot afford to fail.

F. P. HOBGOOD. Committee.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Virgina, and is composed of nineteen local members and eighteen members at large, representing each state in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board conductors work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa.

In these countries we have 380 churches with 833 outstations, 30,000 church members and 542 Sunday Schools with 22,000 scholars enrolled. We have also 9,376 students in mission schools, 420 of whom are in the theological seminaries and training schools seeking specific preparation for Christian work.

The present force of workers embraces just 300, of which number 20 are under appointment, but have not yet sailed for their respective fields of labor. In addition to these home-sent missionaries we have on the combined field 635 native workers.

The work prospers on nearly all the fields; 5,252 converts were baptized last year, the largest number ever reported for a single year. Conditions at this hour give promise of still more abundant fruits, if we take advantage of the opportunities opening to us everywhere.

But our successes and our opportunities have laid responsibilities upon us and make insistent demands of us which we cannot ignore without turning much of our success into failure, and throwing away our God-given opportunities for still larger achievements. Multitudes have been made ready for the Word of Life; thousands are awaiting training in the Christian life and for Christian service; our schools are overflowing; a score of consecrated young men and women are offering themselves to the Board for the needed work; the untouched fields invite us to harvest. Need and opportunity never combined in such a challenge to Southern Baptists. Nothing less than immediate and

immense enlargement can answer this challenge, and set us in a place of great honor, usefulness, and advantage for our gospel.

Shall we prove ourselves worthy of so signal a favor as God is ready to bestow upon us? We are sufficient in numbers, capable in talents and leadership and able in material resources. We can meet the challenge of a great opportunity if we will.

Gifts to the work advanced $44,000 last year over the previous year. But one-half of our people had no part in this advance, and consequently had no part in the blessed results accomplished, and will have no part in the glorious rewards to be bestowed.

Our task for the present year includes (1) The completion of the Judson Fund; (2) The enlistment of more than one-half of our church members who have not yet given anything for foreign missions; (3) The development of present givers into larger giving; (4) The inauguration in each church of a plan of systematic monthly giving and remitting for this cause, so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided. We commend these four objects to the thoughtful consideration of our pastors and churches.

In order to increase intelligence concerning this great work of the denomination, and to enable all our people to work together harmoniously toward the same end, we recommend and urge that the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL be taken and read by every Baptist family within our bounds; and to secure so desirable an end, we suggest that each pastor in the Association appoint a Committee in each church of which he is pastor, to convass the membership with this object in view. All our people ought to be well informed about a work so great as this of giving the gospel to the lost nations, and the JOURNAL is the publication which the denomination uses to give this information.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS

Our co-operative work is the largest feature of Home Mission activity, and makes itself felt in all other departments of the work.

Most gratifying results have attended the labors of our missionaries among the Foreigners, Indians and Negroes. We are doing among these people evangelistic, missionary and educational work. Distinct progress is observable in all of the fields we occupy in our mission to these various peoples.

Our Evangelistic Department has had a most successful year. The visible and tabulated results are stimulating in the highest degree. The outstanding features of the work for the year possibly are the great campaign during the spring months in

Louisiana and the special service rendered to the Negro churches through our evangelistic forces.

Beyond our expectations the Department of Enlistment, launched more than a year ago, has been helpful in the development and enlistment of our unenlisted churches. A great fund of information concerning conditions among the unenlisted of our churches has been gathered, additional surveys are in progress, and by another year we shall be able to make a more exhaustive exhibit in this respect. This constructive and developing feature of our work has met with the heartiest approval of our people. Indeed, we have not been able to enlarge the work as rapidly as the brethren have urged us to do.

In the Highlands the same feature of permanency and aggressive development is manifested in our mountain school work. The number of schools is larger, the attendance of pupils greater, and the character of the work finer and more satisfactory in every way. We are training for the work of the Kingdom, in their own homes in the hills and elsewhere in our country, and in far distant heathen lands, a great company of splendid boys and girls. This blessed service grows constantly in the esteem and affection of our people.

Our church Extension Department has made signal advance during the year in gathering the facts concerning our destitution as a church building. The surveys have not been entirely completed, but the facts gathered shows that our deficiency in suitable houses of worship is far greater than we have ever stated in any of our announcements and appeals. The number of agents in soliciting for our Million-Dollar Church Building Loan Fund has been multiplied during the year. This has been due to the fact that so many of our states are overburdened with local enterprises, and to the further fact that the Judson Centennial of the Foreign Board was making such strenuous efforts to complete their funds this year and next. We are most highly gratified, however, with the sympathy and support given us by the denomination in our effort to provide a great loan fund for the use of our churches in the work of building suitable houses of worship, a condition of progress and efficiency in their own life as well as in helpful co-operative denominational work.

We renew our oft-repeated plea for regular weekly or monthly offerings to our work. Without exception for a decade our annual reports have urged this method of supporting our denominational enterprises. At Conventions and Associations and other denominational gatherings the idea has been stressed in season, and out of season, and through tracts and the denominational papers we have urged the matter upon the brotherhood.

With the persistence and power worthy af all praise our Laymen's Movement has joined in the campaign for more systematic giving. But nothwithstanding all our efforts, the contributions have been deferred till the close of the year. Of the $397,589.12 received for current expenses, $258,600.24 came in during April. During the last week we received $209,717.64 and $171,592.74 on the last day. Of this sum North Carolina gave $32,000, and the Flat River, $1,100.

We are pleased to report a substantial increase in contributions over the previous year of $27,996.74. Our operations were so enlarged, in view of the urgent and numerous calls for help and the great advance in the apportionment made by the Convention, that notwithstanding our increase in receipts we are forced to report a debt of $6,249.38 instead of a clean balance or something on the credit side of the ledger.

Taken from Home Mission Report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our receipts in 1904 were .....$ 127,850.56
Our receipts this year (1914) were 397,589.12
Our Baptisms then were 8,017
Our Baptisms this year (1914) 30,861
Total additions to our churches in 1904 17,288
Total additions to our churches this year (1914).....56,747
For the eleven years from 1904 to 1914, inclusive, our receipts have been $2,981,974.97
Baptisms 238,656
Total additions to membership of churches.....441,779

A glorious record indeed.

Then we had no Church Building Loan Fund. Now we have $95,476.28

We have fairly launched our campaign for the great Million Dollar Loan Fund.

In other respects our growth has been quite as significant.

Foreign Missions discussed by the author of the report, Prof. Hobgood.

Dr. A. P. Tyer of Oxford Methodist Church recognized and welcomed.

Discussion of Missions continued by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, who urges the Association to make an effort during the year ahead, to do as much for State Missions, as it did in the year now closing, for Foreign Missions: Rev. P. H. Fontaine suggests the "ways and means" of accomplishing this, viz: *Pray and Give.*

Report adopted.

Resolution by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin:

Resolved: That we recommend to the churches of this Association that they give the same to Foreign Missions this coming year, and increase Home and State thirty-three and one-third percent. Adopted.

On motion the moderator is requested to appoint a Laymen's Committee of three to report on this work at the next session of the Association.

A digest of church letters presented to the Association on black-board.

Discussed by the Clerk and P. H. Fontaine.

Dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

On re-assembling in the church after *that* dinner, the Oxford Baptist Quartette rendered one of its best selections.

Resolution by E. R. Nelson.

Resolved: That provision be made in the order of business of the next session for discussion of Christian beneficence, and preferably that it be arranged to secure a foreign speaker, with voluntary addresses to follow.

E. R. NELSON.

Discussed by its author and J. A. Beam. Adopted.

Resolution by B. S. Royster.

The Flat River Association has never been more cordially welcomed, nor more splendidly entertained than at this session, therefore be it resolved:

That the thanks of the Association are justly due, and are hereby tendered to Enon Church and the community for the universal and wholehearted hospitality and entertainment extended to every member and visitor.

B. S. ROYSTER.

Adopted.

Committe on time, etc., report.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows: Tuesday after the second Sunday in July 1915. Oxford the church and Rev. E. R. Nelson the preacher with Rev. G. P. Harrill alternate.

H. T. SHANKS,
R. T. BLACKWELL,
B. F. CURRIN.

Adopted.

Report on Education.

When our forefathers first set foot on American soil they built their shanty for a dwelling, their church for worship of their God, and hard by their church they set the school house for the training of their people. Regardless of all progress and all the invention of the centuries, there has never been found a wiser nor a more effectual way to make a great people—hence a great nation. Indeed this was the beginning of great things—the foundation for a great government. At an early date some denominations caught the idea, opened their hearts and their pocket books and erected their denominational school—hence their marvelous growth. But the Baptists were slow even in later years to see the wisdom in the plan, possibly not feeling the awful need of an educated ministry and educated laymen. Somehow Baptists have always been slow to do their best for God and to adopt progressive measures for the bringing of the world to Christ. Our back pullers and cross pickers have always been with us, but thank God for the nobler spirits of our rank, who allowed God to enlarge their hearts, broaden their horizon, quicken their vision, until they laid themselves and their all upon the altar of service for the betterment of mankind. These men saw the grand possibilities of the Baptists with the truth as taught—God's word. At the same time they saw the dark cloud of ignorance and even superstition hanging over the whole denomination. They saw too that the Catholics and others were making great efforts to enlighten their people while the Baptists were doing little or nothing along this line. Thus moved and stimulated by love of their people and the spirit of God they laid the foundation for our Baptist schools. So for years we have been building and strengthening our schools, but at a poor dying rate. Its campaign after campaign for funds to keep them going, while every Baptist in North Carolina ought to give to Christian education as he gives to missions.

This would strengthen the ties of school and church, but the church says there is not enough Bible training in our so called Christian denominational schools. As the Bible cannot be taught in the public schools, from whence will come our well trained Christian workers for our churches and sunday schools if not from our denominational schools? Thus if we support them we have a right and even a duty that they be distinctly Christian and that they give us the trained men and women needed in the Master's kingdom. In this connection I would stress the work in our secondary schools. But I turn from these to the poor even pitiful work done by this Association for ministerial education.

The paltry sum of dollars has helped but little in taking care of the eighty odd ministerial students at Wake Forest and

the Seminary. Brethren, let us do better things for education—especially for ministerial education. Let us remember that true education is a necessity. The head, the heart, and the hand must be trained if we would render the world our greatest possible service.

Finally we call upon you for your sympathy, your co-operation, your patronage, your love, and your money for Wake Forest, Meredith, Chowan, and all our secondary schools. Let us make them stronger and more useful.

Last but not least, I beg you turn your eyes to your own Oxford College. See her in her glory blessing generations yet unborn. But most of all behold the man—the founder, the master builder not simply of the college, but of the lives, the characters, and destinies of the womanhood of North Carolina. All honor to him who has thus wrought so long, so faithfully, so wisely, and so effectually. God bless him.

J. A. BEAM, Committee.

Discussed by author, T. B. Hill and P. H. Fontaine.
Adopted.
Report on Aged Ministers.

BAPTIST MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD

The Board is located in Durham where it met for the first time in December 1890. It is composed of nine trustees and a number of associate members. The trustees have the power to transact the business of the Board and all live in or near Durham to save traveling expenses. The associate members are distributed over the entire State and are expected to have an eye to the interest of the work of the Board in their respective communities. Both the trustees and associate members are elected annually by the Baptist State Convention. The object of this Board is to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are four regular meetings of the Board each year, on the fourth Wednesday in February, May, August, and November. There are at present thirty-six beneficiaries and there are several applications before the Board showing that the gradual increase of the number of beneficiaries will continue. These beneficiaries receive from forty to two hundred dollars a year; many of them need more. Some of them have no means of support except the amount received from the Board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist of the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life. There is increasing liberality on the part of our churches towards the work of this

Board. But still nearly three-fifths of the churches of the State give absolutely nothing for this object. More than one-fourth of the Associations of the State contribute nothing to this work, while a number of those contributing give almost nothing. Four of the Associations not contributing to the work have beneficiaries on the Board.

There were thirteen churches in the Flat River Association last year, that did not contribute anything to this object. The churches which contributed raised only $148.40. Brethren, let us remember that as we love the Lord Jesus Christ, we love also his servants who have labored through the heat of the day in His vineyard. Ist John 4:20. "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" And God grant that we may remember that the test we must stand at last is this: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MARTIN.

Discussed by the author and J. A. Beam. Adopted.

Report on State of churches. On motion of B. S. Royster, the continuation of roll call for state of the churches, was discontinued.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

In the rush of this busy age, we are to prone to forget those who have labored faithfully and wrought mightily for the advancement of our Master's kingdom. But it is a fitting custom this Association has at each annual gathering, to make note of the noble brethren whose faces are absent and whose spirits God has called to their home to reap the reward of their labors.

By the best information I can obtain, the following brethren have died since the last session of our Association: Brother W. B. Brooks, of Antioch; Brother W. B. Royster, of Bullock; Brother A. C. Parham, of Tabbs Creek.

Let us thank God for the lives and labors of such men, and pray for their families. Let us remember the call may soon come to us, yea, before another session of our Association. Therefore, brethren, it behooves us to be faithful to God, giving the world the best service possible unto death, remembering:

That the faith of the head
Is the faith that is dead,
The faith of the heart,
Is better in part.
But the faith of the hand,
Is the faith that will stand.
For the faith that will do,
Must include the first two.

Respectfully submitted,
L. B. McFARLAND, Committee.

Discussed by B. S. Royster.

F. P. Hobgood moved that the following tribute to brother A. C. Parham, read by B. S. Royster, be placed upon the minutes of this Association which was carried.

DEACON ALBERT C. PARHAM

Early Monday morning, January 26, 1914, Deacon A. C. Parham passed from his home in Oxford, N. C. to the Great Beyond. It was a great shock to his friends and family. On the day before, he with his family attended services at the Baptist church. Apparently he was in usual health, though for two or three years the infirmities of age had been creeping upon him. He was of delicate constitution but by prudence and loving attention he attained the ripe age of 79, after a life of great industry and some anxiety.

He was a son of Col. Louis Parham, was born at Rockbrook, near Oxford, January 13, 1832, and spent his life, doing his best to develop the moral and material interests of his native county.

When 16 years old, and while a student at the Horner School, he was baptised into the fellowship of the Oxford Baptist Church, in Fishing Creek, just above Harrisburg Bridge. Afterwards, he joined Tabb's Creek, the church of his parents. Here he remained until the church was disbanded and the membership was transferred to Poplar Creek in 1883. For thirteen years, he labored here most faithfully and successfully. Much of the time he was superintendent of the Sunday school and his work was full of joy and encouragement. Later, he returned and rebuilt the old home church, Tabb's Creek, and there remained till his departure. Perhaps his best work was done at Poplar Creek, but Tabb's Creek is his life monument. He put heart and hand into that enterprise and lived to see it established on a self supporting basis. He was so thoroughly identified with the interest that the church is often called "Parham's Chapel."

For a long time and in many churches he "used the office of

a Deacon well," and by his efficient and exemplary manner, raised himself to high estimation in the churches.

From 1892 to 1895 he served most acceptably as Moderator of the Flat River Association, and for years and years as Treasurer of the same.

Everywhere hew as ready, active, courteous, enthusiastic, and consecrated. He was especially happy and helpful in his own Sunday School and protracted meetings. Here he had gifts and power; with but few equals and no superiors. In exhortation he was able and eloquent; in prayer he was tender and sympathetic. In spirit, in attendance, in liberality, in judgment and in efficiency he was a model church member. He was every preacher's friend and helper. He was thoughtful, encouraging. His home was the pastor's home always and nothing too good for him. He had highly developed the gift of pleasing, not complaining or criticising.

Brother Parham was not a book-trained man, but he was educated and competent in word and thought. He was a friend and patron of Wake Forest and Oxford College and gave all his children a collegiate education.

Sixty-three years the "Interpreter" under Meredith, and the Recorder, down to Moore were welcome visitors to his home. He knew and loved the Baptist ways and brotherhood.

As a man he was noted for his good judgment, fair-mindedness and upright life. He loved to talk, but he was remarkably clean and prudent in his words. He was full of wisdom and laudable self-esteem and yet could "condescend to men of low estate"—the equal of any and the superior of none.

He was tall in person, always wore a long and heavy beard, had a good eye, a mellow voice, was of prepossessing presence and a dignified carriage. The outward man was a true index of his character and the reflection of a pure and noble soul. Altogether he was a fine specimen of a Christian gentleman.

As a citizen, Mr. Parham was wide awake, progressive and prominent. He could have graced legislative halls, or filled high political stations, but he was not built that way. He preferred the peace and pleasure of home-life. Never would he agree to anything more than a Justice of the Peace or a Tax Assessor. He was ambitious to be good rather than great.

Brother Parham was married twice. The first time to Miss Sarah Cheatham of Granville. To them were given six sons and one daughter—five sons are now living.

The second marriage was with Miss Janette Hester, daughter of the late Hamilton Hester. This took place January 1888, and one son and two daughters remain to join the other brothers

in comforting the grief-stricken mother, and in doing honor to the memory of a good and noble father.

His remains rest in Elmwood Cemetery in Oxford.

Truly a good man has fallen—not fallen, but risen. And his memory shall be as precious as our heritage is noble.

R. H. MARSH.

F. P. Hobgood also paid brief tribute to brother John P. Cannady, former member of Enon Church. Report adopted.

The moderator announced the standing committees for next year. See first page.

Treasurer's report read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beg leave to report as follows:

Minute Fund	$ 69.57
State Missions	28.00
Home Missions	79.48
Foreign Missions	25.50
Sunday School Missions	11.56
Orphanage	10.00
Ministerial Education	34.25
Ministerial Relief	27.00
Wake Forest Church	41.00
	$324.86

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. CLARK, Treasurer.

Adopted with instructions to forward all funds to Treasurer, W. Durham and pay clerk $69.57, Minute Fund.

R. H. Marsh announced that he had two checks for $100.00 each for the establishment of libraries at Enon and Hesters, donated by Mr. D. Y. Cooper of Henderson, N. C.

On motion T. B. Hill, the clerk is paid the usual sum for services and is instructed to expend the remainder of the Minute Fund in publishing and distributing the minutes of this session.

On motion, committees on 5th Sunday meetings continued.

No further business the Association adjourned with

prayer by R. H. Marsh, to meet next year with the Oxford Baptist Church.

W. A. DEVIN,
Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD,
Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POSTOFFICE, AND TIME OF PREACHING

Churches	Pastors and Postoffices	Clerks and Postoffices	Time of Preaching
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine, Woodsdale, 2	A. E. Garner, Virgilina, Va.	1st
Antioch	J. L. Martin, Stem	W. A. Barton, Roxboro, 5	2nd
Bethany		A. J. Tilley, Rougemont	3rd
Beulah	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	T. J. Smith, Oxford, 6	2nd
Bullock	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	T. A. Royster, Bullock	1st
Corinth	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	S. H. Usry, Oxford, 2	2nd
Creedmoor	G. P. Harrill, Franklinton	I. E. Harris, Creedmoor	1st
Concord	E. G. Usry Oxford	C. C. Currin, Northside	2nd
Dexter	E. G. Usry, Oxford	E. J. Green, Dabney	3rd
Enon	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	P. W. Knott, Oxford	4th
Fellowship	O. W. Yates, Cary	J. D. Cannady, Creedmoor	3rd
Florence Avenue	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	3rd
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine, Woodsdale, 2	D. T. Winston, Virgilina, Va.	4th
Hester's	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	M. G. Brooks, Oxford	2nd
Island Creek	O. L. Griggs, Wake Forest	H. T. Shanks, Dabney, 1	4th
Knap of Reeds	O. L. Riggs, Durham	E. J. Nance, Stem	4th
Knott's Grove	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	J. W. Dean, Oxford, 2	3rd
Mary's Chapel	C. V. Reid, Wake Forest	Willie Pleasant, Creedmoor, 2	2nd
Mt. Zion	W. M. Hudson, Scottsburg, Va.	Roy T. Daniel, Oxford, 1	1st
Mill Creek	J. H. Bass, Republican Grove, Va.	G. W. Walker, Mill Creek	4th
Mountain Creek	P. H. Fontaine, Woodsdale, 2	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, 2	3rd
Mt. Harmony	J. K. Humphries, Woodsdale, N. C.	T. K. Jones, Moriah	4th
Oxford	G. T. Lumpkin, Oxford	B. F. Taylor, Oxford	Each Sunday
Olive Grove	C. V. Reid, Wake Forest	W. D. Emory, Northside	2nd
Olive Branch	J. K. Humphries, Woodsdale, N. C.		4th
Peace Chapel	E. G. Usry, Oxford	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, 2	4th
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin, Stem	R. O. Smith, Creedmoor	1st
Poplar Creek	E. R. Nelson, Henderson	J. L. Capps, Henderson, 5	3rd
Providence	J. H. Gordon, Virgilina, Va.	J. E. Perkins, Roxboro	3rd
Rock Spring	J. W. Arnette, Wake Forest	B. F. Knott, Clarksville, Va.	1st
State Line	R. E. Peele, Clarksville, Va.	T. L. Sizemore, Soudan, Va.	3rd
Stovall	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	E. M. Hart, Stovall	1st
Sharon	J. A. Beam, Bethel Hill	W. A. Sherman, Berea, 1	4th
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin, Stem	W. R. Mangum, Stem	3rd
Tabb's Creek	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	M. F. Adcock, Oxford	3rd
West Oxford	E. G. Usry, Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	1st and 3rd

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches	Value of Ch. Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received By Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Number Of Males	Number Of Females	Total Membership
Amis Chapel	$ 2,500.00	400	26	3		13	1	2	102	105	207
Antioch	1,000.00	300	5	1		1		1	35	64	99
Beulah	2,400.00	500		1		12	2	1	56	62	118
Bethany	500.00	250	1	2		1			19	34	53
Bullock	1,000.00	300				6		1	31	52	83
Creedmoor	1,500.00	400	15	5		3			42	44	86
Corinth	2,000.00	500		1		5	3		39	60	99
Concord	1,500.00	300	19	4	1	2			56	60	116
Dexter	800.00	300		6		2			36	43	79
Enon	1,200.00	300		3	1	4		3	100	99	199
Florence Avenue	1,500.00	300	8	2		2			40	102	142
Fellowship	600.00	300	9	3		2			35	107	142
Grassy Creek	2,500.00	400	39	16	3	10	4	2	131	131	262
Hester's	1,500.00	400		10		5		2	118	133	251
Island Creek	3,500.00	500	2	8	1	9		3	145	155	300
Knapp of Reeds	2,000.00	300	11	3	4	3	1		66	74	140
Knott's Grove	2,000.00	250	3	8		1		2	41	53	94
Mt. Zion	4,000.00	600	2	2		8	1	2	60	105	165
Mt. Harmony	700.00	400	4	1	2			1	24	52	76
Mill Creek	1,500.00	450	15		5	13	5	1	109	193	302
Mountain Creek	1,500.00	400		9	3	14	1	4	119	157	276
Mary's Chapel	900.00	400	2	4		1		1	36	48	84
Olive Grove	1,000.00	300	8			6		1	46	82	128
Oxford	22,000.00	750	45	23	12	49	1	5	206	332	538
Olive Branch	500.00	300	5	4	1	7	1	2	58	46	104
Providence	1,200.00	400	5	2	2	3		3	50	98	148
Poplar Creek	2,000.00	300	1	2		1			52	55	107
Pleasant Grove	1,000.00	450	12	14	2	5		1	119	142	261
Peace Chapel	1,000.00	300	11	1		5		1	57	73	130
Rock Spring	2,000.00	400	7	3		5	1	1	67	85	152
Sharon	1,000.00	250	7	2		2	1		42	54	96
State Line	1,000.00	450	1	1		3	1		41	63	104
Stovall	1,800.00	400	8	10		6	1	1	79	125	204
Tabb's Creek	800.00	300	2	5		8		2	33	37	70
Tally Ho	1,500.00	400	3	5	1	4	1		73	124	197
West Oxford	1,000.00	300	10	8		16	6	1	30	38	68
Totals	$74,400.00		285	172	38	239	31	44	2393	3287	5680

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Churches	Superintendent	Postoffice	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	No. of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions, Orphanage, etc.	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Amis Chapel	S. A. Harris	Virgilina, Va.	5	70	75	...	150	12	45	...	$ 17.23	$	$ 17.23
Antioch	H. C. Tapp	Roxboro, 5	6	50	56	...	60	6	30	...	.....	.....	.....
Beulah	E. A. Howard	Oxford, 1	9	130	139	...	176	12	88	...	178.07	12.59	190.66
Bethany	J. A. Malone	Moriah	5	15	20	...	24	8	12	1	.....	.....	.....
Bullock	R. A. Davis	Bullock	7	76	83	...	....	12	45	...	.....	57.81	57.81
Corinth	S. H. Usry	Oxford, 2	7	46	53	...	60	...	35	...	.....	6.32	6.32
Creedmoor	C. V. Garner	Creedmoor	10	60	70	...	150	12	65	...	5.50	50.00	55.50
Concord	Ralph Currin	Northside	4	45	49	...	50	9	40	...	.....	.....	.....
Dexter	S. A. Green	Oxford, 5	7	60	67	...	45	12	38	...	6.75	12.00	18.75
Enon	J. T. Daniel	Oxford, 1	11	191	202	...	161	12	123	...	187.85	44.08	231.93
Fellowship	J. W. Keith	Creedmoor	7	70	77	...	95	9	41	7	11.00	8.00	19.00
Florence Avenue	J. T. Torian	Virgilina, Va.	8	75	83	150	75	12	60	8	.....	.....	.....
Grassy Creek	Jno. Yancey	Nelson, Va.	7	120	127	...	134	8	...	...	23.55	.....	23.55
Hester's	N. F. Hobgood	Oxford	7	115	122	...	151	12	62	...	56.77	48.40	105.17
Island Creek	C. H. Sneed	Dabney	12	150	162	...	170	12	100	1	10.00	10.21	20.21
Knap of Reeds	S. F. Bullock	Lyons	12	102	114	...	136	12	74	8	32.50	30.00	62.50
Knott's Grove	S. W. Knott	Oxford, 2	5	29	34	...	55	12	34	2	6.78	5.50	12.28
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Wheeler	Creedmoor, R. F. D.	7	108	115	...	....	12	65	...	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	L. R. Daniel	Oxford, 1	7	68	75	...	69	12	53	...	42.74	1.00	43.74
Mountain Creek	R. T. Blackwell	Virgilina, Va., 2	10	130	140	...	130	12	71	1	74.45	.....	74.45
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek	R. K. Young	Mill Creek	19	86	105	...	233	12	40	...	107.40	60	108.00
Oxford	W. A. McFarland	Oxford	20	428	448	410	5860	12	286	44	559.35	99.00	658.35
Olive Grove	W. H. Keith	Northside	6	101	107	...	288	12	40	...	.....	6.24	6.24
Olive Branch	C. P. Sanford	Virgilina, Va.	5	57	56	...	....	6	38	...	1.05	.....	1.05
Peace Chapel	J. W. Moss	Oxford, 3	7	60	67	...	77	12	47	6	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smith	Creedmoor	8	122	130	...	300	9	75	7	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Creek	J. L. Capps	Henderson, 5	6	24	30	87	240	12	25	...	8.80	.....	8.80
Providence	Aubry Pentecost	Roxboro, 2	7	72	79	15	75	12	40	4	.....	12.50	12.50
Rock Spring	A. J. Owen	Clarksville, Va.	9	45	54	...	135	9	47	5	13.46	.....	13.46
State Line	T. L. Sizemore	Soudan, Va.	6	40	46	...	....	6	30	...	2.66	.....	2.66
Stovall	R. H. O'Brian	Stovall	7	60	67	...	75	12	40	...	11.56	.....	11.56
Sharon	W. A. Sherman	Berea	5	35	40	...	54	6	26	2	.....	.....	.....
Tally Ho	W. J. Royster	Oxford, 6	7	50	57	...	60	12	38	...	9.01	14.89	23.90
Tabb's Creek	W. J. Brummitt	Oxford, 3	6	60	66	...	90	12	42	2	25.68	6.69	32.37
West Oxford	C. A. Hurst	Oxford	10	146	156	100	250	12	110	8	48.02	162.00	210.02
		Total	281	3090	3271	862	....	...	2005	106	$1440.18	$587.83	$2028.01

FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Total
Amis Chapel	$ 250.00	$ 99.91	$ 18.90	$	$	$ 2.00	$ 59.82	$ 29.35	$ 137.60	$ 9.00	$ 28.16	$ 16.00	$	$	$ 69.28	$ 720.02
Antioch	150.00		10 00	4.00			23.90	19.99	26.40		15.90			8.05		258.24
Beulah	308.00	190.80	14.55.	12.59			66.53	36.98	103.05		67.79	8.00	6.57	2.82	178.95	996.63
Bethany			25.00	2.40			5.25	1.50	1.50		4.20					39.85
Bullock	150.00			15.00			12.00	8.28			48.05		4.90	6.35		244.58
Corinth	225.00			6.32		1.50	20.35	42.18	84.44		4.55			3.05	1.50	388.89
Creedmoor	200.00	150.00	50.00	50.00			19.45	14.80	29.30	1.50	23.80		5.00	3.50	55.25	602.60
Concord	150.00	12.00	18.00	10.50	21.75		12.00	9.50	30.66		22.34				30.00	316.75
Dexter	150.00		4.87	13.00	5.00		54.27	34.35	82.23		6.75			5.83		356.30
Enon	303.75	30.80	26.90	35.58			63.76	64.66	210.91		143.07		25.50	11.00	50.25	966.18
Fellowship	150.00			20.00	12.50		10.00	5.00	7.50		27.00			7.00	20.50	259.50
Florence Avenue	280.00		50.00				36.30	35.70	118.30	3.45	40.95		12.50	8.85		586.05
Grassy Creek	250.00	88.75	6.50	11.00	5.50	2.50	37.55	12.45	70.51		52.35			4.51	104.74	646.36
Hester's	250.00		118.30	22.70	14.50		31.29	33.54	113.52		50.00		22.00	18.40	53.00	727.25
Island Creek	250.00	1267.15	59.69	10.21	10.00		41.50	45.00	106.90	5.00	5.00	8.81	10.00	5.00	67.00	1891.26
Knott's Grove	150.00	10.25	28.50	30.00			34.50	35.80	41.50		79.85		7.50	7.50	11.50	436.90
Knap of Reeds	158.30		29.80	5.50			26.85	36.80	68.01		19.97	7.81	6.05	3.00	81.75	443.84
Mary's Chapel	120.00	100.00		6.28			3.50	3.50	3.55		9.75					246.58
Mt. Zion	200.00	300.00		7.50			54.32	53.94	116.57		36.71		5.00	7.42	18.00	799.46
Slaughter Fund	20.00	20.00					151.54		151.54							343.08
Mountain Creek	250.00			18.50			68.00	35.00	157.50		65.45	25.00	6.76	7.00	15.00	648.21
Mt. Harmony								3.00			3.00			4.30	.75	11.05
Mill Creek	250.00	25.50	25.60				78.60	52.90	265.60	11.56	94.70	* 25.00	30.00	20.00	.90	880.36
Oxford	1067.50	1389.41	464.97	156.70	130.52	20.57	297.62	288.88	748.53	28.16	333.93	*135.00	25.00	25.00	280.56	5392.35
Olive Grove	140.00		16.00	6.24				10.00	8.00		8.00		4.98	6.00	1.20	200.42
Olive Branch	150.00						8.00	8.00	8.00		27.50				1.25	202.75
Peace Chapel	125.00	1.80	1.30	11.00	8.65		27.56	5.89	9.32	4.03	4.24				52.50	251.29
Pleasant Grove	200.00		5.00	7.00	37.81		20.20	30.75	131.25		25.42			10.80		468.23
Poplar Creek	320.00		8.67	6.00			57.40	40.00	144.40		30.38		6.00	5.50	29.00	647.35
Providence	125.00			12.50			10.00	10.68	10.35		9.00					177.53
Rock Spring	250.00	35.00	12.00				22.25	12.20	28.16		14.44	50.00		6.60		430.65
State Line	150.00.	5.00		4.00	2.00		7.00	6.00	8.00		2.66					184.66
Stovall	300.00		47.00	18.00	3.00		42.34	37.30	113.63		14.67		10.27	7.00	20.05	613.26
Sharon	125.00			3.00			22.25	14.85	23.96		16.59		4.25	4.00	31.90	245.80
Tally Ho	275.00	36.95	74.01	14.89			43.50	35.24	34.74		42.23	7.45		7.40	21.25	592.66
Tabb's Creek	125.00		10.30	6.69			31.80	8.68	17.92		18.57				20.45	239.41
West Oxford	200.00		48.00	150.00	12.52		7.07	6.00	8.80	2.50	31.50				15.00	481.39
Total, 1914	$7767.55	$3763.32	$1173.86	$677.10	$263.75	$26.57	$1508.27	$1128.69	$3222.15	$65.20	$1444.47	$283.07	$192.38	$205.88	$1231.53	$22947.69
Totals, 1913	7395.50	2915.82	1001.85	408.26	429.75	7.71	1213.38	896.58	2001.28	51.27	1120.81	340.50	167.02	148.40	952.08	19094.59
Gain, 1914	372.05	847.50	172.01	268.84		18.86	294.89	232.11	1220.87	13.93	323.66		25.36	57.48	279.45	3853.10
Loss, 1914					166.00							57.43				

*Wake Forest Church.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION

Flat River Baptist Association

OXFORD CHURCH
JULY 13-14, 1915

MODERATOR: W. A. DEVIN, Oxford, N. C.
CLERK: J. C. HOWARD, Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER: LEWIS CLARK, Virgilina, Va., R. F. D.

Next Session meets with Island Creek Baptist Church, on Wednesday after second Saturday in July, 1916

Introductory Sermon by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin,
Oxford, N. C.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

REV. R. I. DEVIN

REV. P. H. FONTAINE

REV. J. K. HUMPHRIES

DELEGATES.

Member of Board of Missions—T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—G. T. Lumpkin.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—Messrs. J. M. Arnette, E. G. Usry, F. P. Hobgood.

Executive Board—Messrs. T. H. Street, Pervis Tilley, and Millington Blalock.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Arnette, Rev. J. M.....Durham, N. C.
Bass, Rev. J. H. .....Republican Grove, Va.
Beam, Rev. J. A.....Bethel Hill, N. C.
Currin, Rev. Joe B.....Oxford, N. C.
Bryant, Rev. H. C.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Davis, Rev. J. G. .....R. 2, Wake Forest, N. C.
Griggs, Rev. W. L.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Harrell, Rev. G. P. .....Franklinton, N. C.
Lumpkin, Rev. G. T.....Oxford, N. C.
Martin, Rev. J. L.....Stem, N. C.
Marsh, Rev. R. H.....Oxford, N. C.
Nelson, Rev. E. R.....Henderson, N. C.
Peele, Rev. R. E.....Clarksville, Va.
Putnam, Rev. D. F.....Roxboro, N. C.
Reid, Rev. C. V.....Wake Forest, N. C.
Tatum, Rev. T. A.....Oxford, N. C.
Usry, Rev. E. G.....Oxford, N. C.
Yates, Rev. O. W.....Cary, N. C.
Walton, Rev. M. C.....Virgilina,, Va.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—
State Missions— } Reports by E. R. Nelson.
Home Missions—

Periodicals—B. W. Parham.
Education—G. P. Harrill.
Orphanage—D. G. Brummitt.
Sunday Schools—G. T. Lumpkin.
Temperance—J. M. Arnette.
Womans Work—D. F. Putman.
Family Prayer—E. G. Usry.
Obituaries—J. A. Beam.
Ministerial Relief—T. A. Tatum.
Order of Business, 1916—F. B. Hobgood.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Amis Chapel—W. L. Clark, R. Frazier, A. G. Chandler.
Antioch—.....
Beulah—J. T. Averette, S. H. Brinkley, T. K. Daniel.
Bethany—W. A. Malone, A. J. Tilley, A. S. Carrington.
Bullock—J. G. Pittard, R. A. Norwood, H. W. Davis.
Corinth—E. A. Tunstall, J. W. Brummitt, M. J. McGhee.
Creedmoor—R. H. Rogers, C. V. Garner, O. B. Allen.
Concord—Ralph Currin
Dexter—L. G. Williams, J. R. Owen, W. S. Green.
Enon—J. M. Phipps, B. F. Hester, A. W. Cannady.
Florence Avenue—T. B. Hill, J. T. Torian, J. S. Pool.
Fellowship—S. A. Cannady, W. F. Byrd, L. G. O'Brian.
Grassy Creek—L. Elliott, D. T. Winston, L. S. Sizemore.
Hesters—M. G. Brooks, S. R. Howard, B. F. Dean.
Island Creek—L. J. Shanks, C. H. Sneed, Harry Woody.
Knotts Grove—S. W. Knott, R. Tillotson, J. T. Bobbitt.
Knap of Reeds—S. F. Bullock, C. S. Frazier, S. W. Waller.
Mary's Chapel—G. H. Wheelous.
Mt. Zion—E. B. Meadows, Jasper Duncan, N. J. Jones.
Mountain Creek—J. S. Watkins, R. S. Hart, T. T. Newton.
Mt. Harmony—L. P. Sherman, W. B. Jones.
Mill Creek—T.. H. Street.
New Light—.....
Oxford—W. A. Devin, J. C. Howard, C. D. Ray.
Olive Branch—.....
Olive Grove—W. D. Emory, P. T. Chappell.
Peace Chapel—G. E. Dickerson, H. A. Hight, S. T. Newton.
Pleasant Grove—S. H. Mizer, S. J. Rogers, J. W. Smith.
Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, H. B. Porrott, L. F. Boyd.
Providence—.....
Rock Springs—J. M. Arnette.
State Line—T. L. Sizemore.
Stovall—E. M. Hart, W. J. O'Brian, J. E. Frazier.
Sharon—W. A. Sherman, J. C. Currin, L. B. McFarland.
Tally Ho—G. T. Walters, W. J. Royster, P. L. Thomasson
Tabb's Creek—W. J. Brummitt, W. T. Blackwell, M. F. Adcock.
West Oxford—B. G. Oakley, R. O. Dement, W. B. Hobgood.

PROCEEDINGS

Oxford, N. C.
July 13, 1915.

The Flat River Baptist Association meets in its 122nd annual session with Oxford Baptist Church. By appointment Rev. E. R. Nelson preached the Introductory Sermon.

Judge W. A. Devin, Moderator of the last session, called the body to order. Roll of churches called by former clerk.

Brother T. H. Street called the attention of the body to the third article of the Constituion. Judge Devin was nominated. Ballot taken, which resulted in his unaimous election for moderator of this session.

On motion of F. P. Hobgood rules are suspended and E. R. Nelson is instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for J. C. Howard, Clerk. Ballot Cast.

On motion clerk is instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for W. L. Clark, Treasurer. Ballot cast.

Report on Order of Business for 1915 adopted as recommended by the committee and recorded in Minutes of last session.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committe beg to call attention to seven things about the Biblical Recorder:

(1) In aim it endeavors to be true to its name,—that is to be thoroughly Biblical in teaching and to be a faithful Recorder of the news of the Kingdom.

(2) In alignment it undertakes to be fraternally but firmly Baptistic, loyal to Baptis doctrine, devoted to Baptist agencies, stimulating to Baptist progress, expressive of Baptist life.

(3) In ownership it is distinctively Baptist property, being now owned by a few more than one hundred North Carolina Baptists who, without any one having a majority of the stock, hold it not for financial gain, but for the good of the cause and for the glory of God.

(4) In control it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention, this body naming its editor, safeguarding its policy, utilizing its columns, and having report on it every year.

(5) In development it is essential to the highest efficiency of a North Carolina Baptist, for there can be no efficiency without interest, nor interest without intelligence, nor in telligence with-

out information,—particularly the information about our work which is available week after week in the Biblical Recorder pages.

(6) In accomplishment it is among us the one great unifying agency: Territorially, making neighbors of widely separated churches; organically, relating each reader to the whole of our State denominational work; doctrinally, binding us together in our views of Bible truth and duty.

(7) In outlook, after nearly four score years of usefulness the Biblical Recorder today, with larger circulation than ever before, with growing work to chronicle and to do, with widening life to present, with an enlarging prospect to beckon onward, rejoices in the hearty endorsement of our leaders and fellow-workers in the Lord.

Believing in view of these things that the Recorder should have a place by every Baptist fireside in orth Carolina, we invoke and urge the hearty co-operation of all our people in immediately and greatly increasing its circulation.

We cheerfully recommend "Charity and Children" as doing a work no other peridocial can do, not as a rival of our church organ, but as a faithful co-laborer, fully endowed with courage, strength and honest convictions of right.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. STREET.

Discussed by author. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Minutes of this Association for the year 1914 show a total church membership of 5,680. The Sunday School enrollment for the same period was 3,271. Assuming that every Sunday School student was also a church member, we would reach the conclusion that only 58 per cent of our church members were enrolled in the Sunday School. But as a matter of fact, we know that all are not church members and that the percentage of church members enrolled is even less than that stated.

These figures show that there is still much work to be done in the way of enlisting the interest of the church member in the Sunday School work. The old idea that the Sunday School is simply and only a place for the religious training of the young has not yet entirely disappeared. The thought that it is likewise a place for the sustenance and development of the adult Christian has grown, is still growing, but needs to grow more.

A great work is being done in the Sunday school along the line of religious training of the young. Progress in that respect gives cause for present satisfaction and inspires hope for the future. But the correlative duty of growth and power for the older Christian coming out of Sunday School work has not received the attention it merits. The organized class work, now a feature of so many of our schools, is directing attention to

this phase of Sunday School endeavor and should receive our commendation and active support. Well would it be for every school in this Association to have such organized classes of young men and young women, by whatever name called, meeting every Sunday and studying the Word. For out of such classes, organized and accustomed to doing things, each member taking upon himself some active duty and striving to fit himself for it, will come the future trained leaders of church and school, accustomed to work and not afraid of it.

The adult Christian must be taught to realize that he cannot consistently depend upon the "milk of the word" always. Listening to a sermon once, twice or even four times a month is not a large enough curriculum for his growth nor a sufficient contribution to the activities of his church. He must realize that he is saved not for future joy alone, but for present activity as well. He must be waked up to the fact that his spiritual growth depends, as it must always depend, upon the larger measure of truth sought after and received by him and the greater activity showin in the Master's cause. And no department of church work furnishes larger opportunity than he will find ready to his hand in the Sunday School.

We believe that the teachers in our primary and intermediate grades will find it profitable to devote more attention to memorizing of the Word in their classes. No explanation given by any teacher can so enrich the present and future life of the individual as the committing to memory in early life of the Shepherd Psalm and the Sermon on the Mount. We welcome and heartily commend every effort put forth by faithful teachers to better fit themselves for their work. There should be a more systematic study of new and approved methods; there should, in many instances, be better equipment; there should be, where possible, attendance upon institutes and teacher training courses; but no study, no equipment, no new methods, can take the place of the old custom in the home and the early Sunday School of requiring the child to committ to memory the great passages of the text. Such a requirment is an obligation laid upon the present by and for the future; it is a right of the future man and woman; it is an obligation that all should unite in performing, and a right that none should deny.

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. BRUMMITT.

Discussed by author, J. A. Beam, E. R. Nelson, J. I. Gordon, and the moderator. Adopted.

Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional Exercises—Dr. Marsh suggests that the chair

appoint a committee of three to erect a suitable mounment at the grave of the beloved P. H. Fontaine.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst Rev. J. K. Humphries, the honored pastor of Olive Branch Baptist Church—

Resolved, That this Association has lost an honored and respected pastor and minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ;

And that the deep sympathy and prayers of this Association be offered to his bereaved wife and children;

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of this Association and a copy be sent to his wife and children.

T. B. HILL.

Adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The last year was one of great prosperity despite the unfavorable business conditions. Our brethren continued to remember the orphan, and he did not lack bread. The current year made a normal increase of nearly $5,000, or 10 per cent. This increase kept pace with the increased number of orphans.

The number of children at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home, in Lenoir, was 494, and we lost only one by death during the year, and that by drowning in a creek near the Kennedy Home. The health was reported as excellent.

The trustees were greatly pleased with the results of introducing a tenth grade in our school work. The first class under this arrangement was graduated with most interesting class exercises on Monday evening of Commencement week in the new auditorium. Our school work thus prepares them for the active duties of life, or for college, if any of them find friends who will provide the means.

During the year the Miles Durham Nursery was built and in it we are caring for twenty-two very small children. The building, the funds for which were provided by Mr. J. A. Durham, of Charlotte as a memorial to his son, whom he lost, is one of the prettiest on the grounds, and is a model of convenience in the interior.

An auditorium so long greatly needed was built out of funds of the estate of Dr. Little. This will accommodate about 1000 persons, and will be the place of opening of school every morning, and of Sunday services. It is doubtful whether there is in all the State a more beautiful building. In connection with this we have provided and equipped a sufficient number of class-rooms for our school work.

The Kennedy Home in Lenoir has been opened and there are now about fifty children under its care. Two buildings, one erected by the late Noah Biggs, and bearing the name of his

wife, Mary, and the other by the Baptists of Lenoir County house these children and the officers. We are now cultivating 240 acres of rich land in cotton, corn and peanuts and vegetables. We are expecting next year to cultivate nearly the entire farm of 1,200 acres.

Our financial conditions is not so bad as the figures would indicate. We have a debt of nearly $30,000, but stocks, lands and other property bequeathed to us, on which we are not now able to realize, will largely offset this sum. In all our buildings operations, it should be said, we are considering the needs of the Orphanage for the years to come when our numbers will be lragely increased.

Since our last meeting Brother Noah Biggs has passed away. One of the earliest, most devoted and useful members of the Board of Trustees. Living he was ever ready to serve orphan children, and dying he did not forget them. Not much, however, of the large sum that will finally come to us through his will is available now—only about $15,000.

We are thankful that we are able to make so favorable a report.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

Discussed by author, and Hamrick, representing the Thomasville Orphanage. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In the absence of the Committee on Education, this report has been prepared with little exact information at hand and is therefore of necessity limited in its scope and general in its terms.

The contributions by this Association for schools and colleges for the year ending July 1st., 1913, amounted to $340.50 The contributions for the same cause for the year ending July 1st., 1914, aggregated $283.07. This shows a falling off of $57.43. The contributions for ministerial education for the same two years show a gain of $25.36 during the second year. Putting the two together the contributions for the general cause of education by this Association show a net loss of $32.07 for the year ending at our last Asssociation. At this time the figures for the present year are not available, but, in view of the unsettled financial condition of the county, it is doubtful whether a gain has been made. These figures offer a plea more eloquent than any words this report may contain. The Baptists should certainly not be retreating from the firing line in the war against ignorance in North Carolina. The democracy of the Baptist church has been one of its fundamental principles of government and one of its great sources of strength. The laymen may wield as much power in the councils of the church as the minister. This fact of itself, if no other considerations

entered into the question, would seem to be a sufficient argument to a Baptist for the cause of education. How shall the affairs of a democratic church be managed intelligently unless the managers thereof be intelligent? The present generation of Baptists ought to hand over the affairs of the church to a more efficient generation and to be more efficient that generation must be trained.

Surely our institutions are worthy of our support. Wake Forest, Meredith, Oxford, Chowan, and our various other institutions over the State are a just source of pride. What share have we in the work of these institutions? It is to be hoped that under the new Educational Board recently established by the Convention, the Baptists will gird themselves for a renewed march far forward in the cause of education.

B. W. PARHAM. Committee.

Discussed by author, Hill, Joe Currin, L. Johnson, and E. W. Sikes. Adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

What mind so dead, what heart so hard, what soul so soulless as not to be touched—or moved to sympathetic action by the needs of the old preachers of North Carolina? These are our noble heroes of faith, God's noblemen of earth, the pioneers of our denomination, the builders of our schools and colleges, and of our churches and society. Indeed, they are some of the precious salt of the earth and of the light of the world.

What set of men form such a grand ranking? What class of men are so filled with wisdom, faith and righteousness grace our State? What body of men have wrought so graciously, so generously, os effectually for the coming of our Master's glory in North Carolina as these noble soldiers of the cross? What servant of God or set of men have placed so much in srevice, of time, of talent and of sacrifice on the altar of service for God and humanity at such small cost to their churches, their denomination and to the world as these—our old ministers? Echo answers, None. Then if these things be true, let us solemnly vow in our hearts this hour unto God that these men of God shall not lack for the material things of earth and that our bread shall be their bread, our meat shall be their meat, and their God our God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAM.

Discussed by author and J. M. Arnette. Adopted.

R. H. Marsh makes motion asking all superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Association to take collections on the fifth Sunday through the coming year to help buy a home for Brother J. K. Humphries' widow. Motion car-

ried and J. A. Beam appointed to receive all funds and pay same over to Sister Humphries. Announcements, prayer.

Adjournment.

Visitors: L. Johnson, Sikes, Brewer, Hamrick, Warren, Kendrick, and O'Brian, recognized and welcomed.

Kendrick given ten minutes to present Wake Forest Church matter.

On motion of committee consisting of Marsh, Hobgood, and Lumpkin, appointed to co-operate with Kendrick as to the object in this Association.

REPORT ON STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), is a command that has come down to us through the ages, and is equally as imperative today as it has ever been. In presenting this report relative to the great question of missions, State, Home and Foreign, we should bear in mind the tremendous opportunities opened to us by the European war in all of the three branches of our mission work, and it behooves us to get a new vision of this grand and glorious task of carrying the gospel to every nation and people.

Our field in State Mission work is North Carolina wherever the gospel does not have a stronghold, and there are many sections of the State where it has never been preached as we think it ought to be preached. According to the last religious census only a little over forty per cent of all the people of our State are professing Christians. The work of evangelizing our State is a mighty task, and the great influx of immigrants to this country as one result of the terrible struggle that is now going on across the waters, will add immensely to the task of making North Carolina a Christian State in fact as well as in name, and she will, in all probability, get her quoto of this foreign population. If we wish to maintain our present high place as a Christian State it will be absolutely necessary for us to give the gospel of Jesus Christ not only to our people but also to those who come to make their home with us. If we fail in doing this, these immigrants will instill into our people every kind of new doctrine, which will be exceedingly dangerous to our work and to our people.

The State Mission Board for the year ending November 30, 1914, had in the field 161 missionaries and 379 churches and oustations. Results: There were added to these churches 2,469 members by baptism, 1,836 by letter. There were also 2,726 who made professions but did not at that time unite with the church. 24 new churches were finished, 46 churches were being built, and 5 were organized during the year.

In the work of the Home Board, the field of endeavor covers the Southern States at points not reached by our State Boards,

also adjacent field such as Cuba, the Panama Canal, etc. The conditions created by the European war will apply with equal force to our Home Mission work—the task is infinitely larger because the field is larger. How best to meet this new order of conditions is the problem that now confronts the Home Board.

The forces at work for the Home Board tor the year ending April 30th consisted of 1,561 missionaries, evangelists, enlistment and mission school worksr. 3,089 churches and stations were supplied.

The results were, baptisms, 38,310; added by letter and otherwise, 25,660; total additions to churches, 63,970. Volunteers for ministry and mission work, 1,301; churches constituted, 216; house of worship built and improved, 220; Sunday Schools organized, 641.

In our Foreign Mission work, the fields in which the Board now has laborers are Mexico, China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Brazil and Argentina; seven countries with a total of 298 missionaries. Again the terrible war might be referred to in our work. Undoubtedly this mighty struggle and bloodshed will serve to draw all people nearer to God, and will afford the apportunity of sending the gospel to the benighted regions of earth as never before.

The forces and equipment, in addition to the 298 missionaries, consist of 148 ordained native helpers; 583 unordained helpers; 382 churches, 56 of which are self-supporting; 819 stations; 339 schools; 8 hospitals, 53 residences for missionaries and 33,584 church members.

The results last year were 5,190 baptisms, 56,949 patients treated by medical missionaries, 8,833 pupils taught in mission schools.

The needs in all of our work are many. First of all we need the prayer and hearty co-operation of all our people. If this need could be fully met all other needs would be supplied.

Another great need is larger contributions, and a larger number of contributors. The State Board closed the last year with a debt of about $5,000; the Home Board with a debt of over $30,000 . . . . . and our Foreign Board with a debt of $99,800. The Home Board paid interest on borrowed money to the amount of about $9,000, and the Foreign Board to the amount of about $15,000; enough to support about forty missionaries. This ought to be stopped.

Recommendations.

1. That we covenant together to make our State, Home and Foreign Mission work an object of daily prayer.

2. That our Association set the opportionment for the ensuing year at its minimum, which is $3,000 for Foreign Missions, and do our utmost to raise our proportionate part of what the Convention has pledged to the other objects, which would be about $3.000 for State Missions and $2,000 for Home Missions, or a total of $8,000 for the year.

3. That each church adopt systematic giving, and send the offerings to the State Treasurer at least once a month. Most of the interest paid last year on borrowed money could have been saved if this had been done.

4. That each church have a good, live treasurer or mission committee to make an every-member canvass, distribute mission literature and see that the apportionment of each church is paid monthly.

F. P. BLAND. Committee.

Discussed by author, L. Johnson, E. W. Sikes, Kendrick. L. R. O'Brian, a son of the Association is invited by the Moderator to speak on this subject. He responds and speaks briefly, but well on Foreign Missions. Moderator also makes some telling remarks. Adopted.

Committee on time, place, and etc.—M. Blalock, R. T. Blackwell and S. A. Cannady, appointed by the chair.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

37 churches in this Association; 5,895 members of the various churches; 524 baptized last year; 40 members have died; $236.43 average salary paid pastor; $20,357.98 total amount raised in Association; $13,503.64 home expenses; $6,854.14 to spread the gospel; $3.45 average per member to total; $1.16 average per member to benevolence; 37 of these churches have Sunday Schools; 26 are open all the year; 3,444 scholars in the Sunday Schools; 279 officers and teachers; 2,098 average attendance.

This report is made without the official report of two churches.

J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

Discussed. Adopted.

Dinner.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Miscellaneous.

APPORTIONMENT FOR THE WAKE FOREST CHURCH.

	Suggested	Amount Paid
Amis Chapel	$25	$
Antioch	15	
Buelah	30	10
Bethany	10	
Bulloch	10	
Creedmoor	25	
Corinth (What they can)		
Concord	15	

	Suggested	Amount Paid
Dexter	15	
Enon	50	
Florence Avenue	25	
Fellowship	10	
Grassy Creek	40	11
Hester	20	19.50
Island Creek	50	25
Knap of Reeds	25	
Knott's Grove (What we can)	10	6
Mt. Zion	35	30
Mt. Harmony	10	
Mill Creek	35	
Mountain Creek	30	30
Mary's Chapel	10	
Olive Grove	10	
Oxford		168.50
Olive Branch	5	
Providence	10	
Poplar Creek	30	31.50
Pleasant Grove (Do what we can)	20	
Peace Chapel	5	
Rock Spring	25	
Sharon	10	
State Line	10	
Stovall	25	10
Tabb's Creek	5	
West Oxford	5	
Tally Ho	20	5.45

F. P. HOBGOOD, for Committee.

Roll call, absentees noted.

We, your Committee on Time and Place for the Association to meet in 1916 recommend that Island Creek be the place and the time Tuesday after the second Sunday in July; Introductory Sermon to be preached by G. T. Lumpkins, of Oxford.

M. BLALOCK,
R. T. BLACKWELL,
S. A. CANNADY.

Amended to say Wednesday instead of Tuesday—by Lumpkin.

Adopted as amended.

Resolved: That all churches are requested not to hold protracted meetings during the week of the Association, so that all pastors may be present at the sessions of this body.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The open saloon is easily the greatest curse upon our nation. Let us ponder well the words of Lloyd-George when he said, "We are fighting the Austrians, the Germans and drink, and the deadliest of these is drink." Nor foget the statement of Mr. Gladstone, "that drink was worse than war, famine, and pestilence combined." It was certainly a great day for temperance when Russia drove the saloon from her land, thus surrendering a half billion dollars of revenue annually in this, her time of need, and yet declared that she had been wonderfully benefited. Truly, the open saloon shackles the wheels of progress in every branch of industry, places great barriers in the spread of education among the people, the friend of the lawless, a den of vice, the most deadly enemy of the church of Christ, the "devil's best friend, and God's worst enemy." "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder" (Prov. 23. 31, 32).

We therefore unhesitatingly affirm that the bigest question before the United States today is the abolition of the open saloon. The friends of whiskey have long since discovered that the liquor business cannot live without the open saloon. The back door or blockade method is not sufficient.

Therefore the question of the hour is national prohibition. What do we mean by national prohibition? We mean that the Congress of the United States shall give the States, through their legislatures, the right to declare against the open saloon, and that when three-fourths of the States have thus voted to abolish the saloon, that Congress shall ratify it. The sovereign people of the United States have a right to demand this of their representatives in Congress; since it is only ministerial and not legislative. And it is unpatriotic of any representative to deny his constituency this right. If such questions as the cattle tick, tained meat, the boll weevil, and the hookworm can come under federal jurisdiction, surely national prohibition can, for it is of far greater and of more vital importance to our nation than all these combined.

The sentiment for national prohibition is now so strong that we are justified in pressing the issue. No amendment to the constitution of the United States ever had behind it the sentipetitioned Congress to refer it to the people through their legislatures. Our womanhood is for it. Our preachers are for it. Our churches are for it. The public conscience is aroused and demands it, and the politician who would undertake to withstand this flood-tide of sentiment for national prohibition will surely be swept into oblivion. God is with us, we need not be afraid.

We therefore recommend that the Moderator of this Association appoint a committee of three to co-operate with the Anti-Saloon League of this State in petitioning the next Congress for national prohibition.

Every argument that the saloon has offered for its existence is answered by the crimes it has committed. Every prison, every alms-house, every asylum, widows and orphans are crying daily against the saloon. A hundred thousand persons have filled drunkard's grave since this Association last me. Surely the most avowed friend of the saloon could not stand by these graves and offer an argument for its continued existence.

The Lord of host be with us, and give us faith and strength to do our duty.

T. B. HILL. Committee.

Discussed by author and Gordan. Adopted.

THANKS.

Resolved: That the Flat River Association, by a rising vote, extend its most hearty thanks to the Oxford Baptist Church, other Christians, and people of the community in general, for their royal hospitality so generously and graciously bestowed.

E. R. NELSON.

Adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman has always stood in the forefront of missionary endeavor. She has been the chief sourse of information and inspiration, and in no small degree has she added to the offerings for the support of the Kingdom.

In her devotion to the work she has given us a glorious example. In her systematic study of the whole field and splendid grasp of the missionary situation she can put the best of us to shame. Her sacrifices and ready response to the calls of the hour are worthy of all praise.

The woman's missionary societies are the most sensibly planned and logically worked organizations engaged in the wrok of saving the world. They meet regularly for prayer, study, inspiration and sacrifices. They make continued effort for the enlistment of other women and especially the young women and children. Their plan of apportionment is wise and effective and they have religion enough to respond to this sensible method.

The Flat River Association has twenty-four woman's missionary societies and eleven young woman's and children societies. These do not receive the support of one-third of the women of the Association and yet they gave to the spread of the gospel during last fiscal year $1,374.60 almost one-fourth of all the money raised in the Association for benevolences.

Notwithstanding the cry of hard times and the fact that the Association at large fell behind these women have gone beyond their aim agreed upon when prospects were bright. They have

econnomized, but not in the Lord's work. Let us men learn a lesson.

To Mrs. John Webb, our Associational Vice-President, is due in a large degree the credit for this splendid report. Your committee would not overlook the good work of Miss Sue Kelly, who spent several weeks visiting the societies and organizing others. She is well fittted for this work and her efforts with our people is worthy of all commendation.

It would be emiently wise for the Association to make some arrangements for employing her for at least one month this summer to work among the women of the churches.

While your committee does not recommend that this be done, we do suggest that a committee be appointed to consider the wisdom of such a step.

We would also earnestly urge that the pastors co-operate with Sister Webb and as far as possible develop at least one society in each church of the Association.

We call upon our women to come into their own and give their strength to the cause of their Lord.

G. T. LUMKIN.

Discussed by author. Adopted.

On motion clerk allowed usual amount, $20, for services.

R. H. Marsh, F. P. Hobgood and J. A. Beam appointed committee to erect monument at grave of P. H. Fontaine.

The chair appoints B. S. Royster, T. B. Hill and J. I. Gordan a committee as suggested by the temperance report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I beg to submit the following report as Treasurer of the Flat River Assoiation for sessions 1915:

Minute Fund	$ 59.96
State Missions	25.00
Foreign Missions	57.00
Ministerial Education	14.37
Ministerial Relief	15.38
Orphanage	3.10
Total	$174.81

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. CLARK, Treasurer.

Adopted. With instructions to distribute all funds as indicated by his report.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

The future development of God's Kingdom largely depends upon our influence sent out through the little ones that God has

entrusted to our care, and around the home-circle is the place where the deepest and most lasting impressions are made on these little hearts, while they are tender and submissive to God's will. And we, the salt of the earth, should realize these responsibilities and the blessings that may come to us and our future generations through the daily communication with our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, when we submit ourselves to his will.

We believe there is no greater agency for good in our Christian homes. Hence the importance of family prayer.

J. W. DEAN. Committee.

Adopted.

On motion the Association adjourns to meet next year with Island Creek Baptist Church, R. H. Marsh pronouncing the benediction.

W. A. DEVIN,
Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD,
Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1916.

Wednesday.

10:00 to 10:15—Devotional Exercises.
10:15 to 10:30—Organization.
10:30 to 11:15—Periodicals.
11:15 to 12:00—Orphanage.
12:00 to 12:30—Introductory Sermon.

Dinner.

2:00 to 2:15—Miscellaneous.
2:15 to 3:00—Sunday Schools.
3:00 to 4:00—Educational—General—Ministerial.
4:00 to 4:30—Ministerial Relief.

Thursday.

9:20 to 9:40—Devotional Exercises.
9:40 to 10:00—Roll Call.
10:00 to 12:00—Missions—Foreign, Home, State.
12:00 to 12:30—Digest of Church Letters.

Dinner.

2:00 to 2:30—Miscellaneous.
2:30 to 3:00—Temperance.
3:00 to 3:45—Woman's Work.
3:45 to 4:00—Obituaries.
4:00 to 4:15—Family Prayer.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST-OFFICES AND TIME OF PREACHING

Churches	Pastors and Post-Offices	Clerks and Post-Offices	Time of Preaching
Amis Chapel		A. E. Garner, Virgilina, Va.	1st
Antioch	J. L. Martin, Stem	W. A. Barton, Roxboro, 5	2nd
Bethany	J. B. Currin, Oxford	A. J. Tilley, Rougemont	3rd
Beulah	T. A. Tatum, Oxford	T. J. Smith, Oxford 6	2nd
Bullock	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	T. A. Royster, Bullock	1st
Corinth	T. A. Tatum, Oxford	S. H. Usry, Oxford, 2	2nd
Creedmoor	G. P. Harrill, Franklinton	R. H. Rogers, Creedmoor	1st
Concord	E. G. Usry, Oxford	C. C. Currin, Northside	2nd
Dexter	E. G. Usry, Oxford	E. J. Green, Dabney	3rd
Enon	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	P. W. Knott, Oxford	4th
Fellowship	O. W. Yates, Cary	J. D. Cannady, Creedmoor	3rd
Florence Avenue	M. C. Walton, Virgilina, Va.	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	3rd
Grassy Creek		D. T. Winston, Virgilina, Va.	4th
Hester's	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	M. G. Brooks, Oxford	2nd
Island Creek	W. L. Griggs, Wake Forest	H. T. Shanks, Dabney, 1	4th
Knap of Reeds	J. H. Bass, Republican Grove, Va.	E. J. Nance, Stem	4th
Knott's Grove	T. A. Tatum, Oxford	J. W. Dean, Oxford, 2	3rd
Mary's Chapel	C. V. Reid, Wake Forest	Willie Pleasants, Creedmoor, 2	2nd
Mt. Zion	G. T. Lumpkin, Oxford	Roy T. Daniel, Oxford, 1	1st
Mill Creek	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro	G. W. Walker, Mill Creek	4th
Mountain Creek	G. T. Lumpkin, Oxford	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, 2	3rd
Mt. Harmony	G. H. Lumpkin, Oxford	T. K. Jones, Moriah	4th
New Light	J. G. Davis, Wake Forest, R. 1	Jake Horton, Wake Forest, 4	
Oxford	G. T. Lumpkin, Oxford	B. F. Taylor, Oxford	Each Sunday
Olive Grove	J. H. Barnes, Wake Forest	W. D. Emory, Northside	2nd
Olive Branch			4th
Peace Chapel	E. G. Usry, Oxford	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, 2	4th
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin, Stem	R. O. Smith, Creedmoor	1st
Poplar Creek	E. R. Nelson, Henderson	J. L. Capps, Henderson, 5	3rd
Providence	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro	A. R. Pentacost, Roxboro	3rd
Rock Spring	J. M. Arnette, Wake Forest	B. F. Knott, Clarksville, Va.	1st
State Line	R. E. Peele, Clarksville, Va.	T. L. Sizemore, Soudan, Va.	3rd
Stovall	T. A. Tatum, Oxford	E. M. Hart, Stovall	1st
Sharon	J. A. Beam, Bethel Hill	W. A. Sherman, Berea, 1	4th
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin, Stem	W. R. Mangum, Stem	3rd
Tabb's Creek	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	M. F. Adcock, Oxford	3rd
West Oxford	E. G. Usry, Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	1st and 3rd

C. A. Upchurch, Oxford

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
Amis Chapel	$ 2,500	350	27	3	--	10	--	2	110	113	223
Antioch	1,000	300	5	1	--	13	1	1	30	60	90
Beulah	2,400	500	19	21	--	8	3	--	81	81	162
Bethany	500	300	------	2	--	1	--	1	17	32	49
Bullock	700	250	15	6	--	1	1	1	43	59	102
Corinth	1,000	500	14	3	--	2	--	--	45	69	114
Creedmoor	1,500	300	3	------	--	4	2	--	43	50	93
Concord	1,500	300	------	1	--	7	1	1	53	57	110
Dexter	800	300	12	------	1	1	--	--	43	48	91
Enon	3,000	300	------	7	--	14	--	1	95	95	190
Fellowship	600	400	14	1	--	7	--	1	39	110	149
Florence Avenue	1,500	300	10	6	--	5	--	--	47	77	124
Grassy Creek	2,000	400	------	1	3	3	2	1	128	130	258
Hester's	1,500	400	26	8	--	3	--	--	131	147	278
Island Creek	3,500	600	49	5	--	7	1	3	165	175	340
Knap of Reeds	2,000	300	2	------	2	5	--	3	67	69	136
Knott's Grove	2,000	300	9	2	1	3	--	2	47	54	101
Mary's Chapel	935	400	21	3	1	----	--	--	54	49	103
Mt. Zion	4,000	600	19	1	2	16	--	--	62	106	168
Mouhtain Creek	1,500	400	21	1	9	14	1	2	120	160	280
Mt. Harmony	700	400	11	2	1	1	--	2	29	58	87
Mill Creek	1,200	450	7	3	9	4	--	3	115	180	295
New Light	------	------	5	------	1	----	2	2	30	50	80
Oxford	22,500	750	68	30	3	32	--	6	246	345	591
Olive Grove	300	400	5	2	--	4	--	--	49	81	130
Olive Branch	------	------	------	------	--	----	--	--	------	------	------
Peace Chapel	1,000	300	10	5	--	2	--	2	61	80	141
Pleasant Grove	1,000	450	32	6	1	4	--	4	137	153	290
Poplar Creek	2,000	300	7	2	--	17	--	2	44	44	88
Providence	1.000	250	5	1	2	4	--	--	48	99	147
Rock Spring	1,000	400	14	1	--	----	--	--	80	90	170
State Line	800	300	19	------	3	7	4	--	36	63	99
Stovall	1,000	300	29	5	1	11	--	--	100	136	236
Sharon	1,000	250	------	1	17	3	1	--	49	61	110
Tally Ho	1,300	350	18	11	3	12	1	--	87	134	221
Tabb's Creek	800	300	18	1	--	2	--	--	42	47	89
West Oxford	1,000	300	24	12	--	3	--	1	52	57	109
Totals 1915	$71,035	13,000	538	154	60	230	20	41	2625	3419	6044

Churches	Superintendents	Post-Office	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Vol. in Library	Quarterlies and Papers Taken	Mos. Kept Open	Av. Attendance	No. Baptisms	Benevolent Contributions	School Expenses	Totals
Amis Chapel	A. G. Chandler	Nelson, Va.	6	100	106	25	160	12	50		$ 34 27	$	$ 34 27
Antioch	H. C. Tapp	Roxboro	7	38	45		50	9	35	5			
Beulah	E. A. Howard	Oxford, 1	9	116	125		150	12	86	8	98 50	12 60	111 10
Bethany	J. A. Malone	Moriah	4	20	24		45	7	15				
Bullock	R. A. Davis	Bullock	7	65	72		50	12	50	11	22 74	11 61	34 35
Corinth	C. R. Gordon	Oxford, 2	6	46	52		48	12	35	6	1 79		1 79
Creedmoor	C. V. Garner	Creedmoor	9	70	79		300	12	60		11 85	95 00	106 85
Concord	Elvin Vaughn	Lyons	5	40	45			9	35				
Dexter	S. A. Green	Oxford, 5	7	45	52		40	12	32	7		12 50	12 50
Enon	D. C. Frazier	Oxford	10	170	180		190	12	99		115 11		115 11
Fellowship	S. A. Cannady	Creedmoor, R. F. D.									14 20		14 20
Florence Avenue	J. T. Tarian	Virgilina, Va.	7	75	82	150	150	12	60	9	39 34	25 00	64 34
Grassy Creek	Fred L. Pittard	Nelson, Va.	8	132	140		100	9	70		20 88	10 00	30 88
Hester's	N. F. Hobgood	Oxford	7	92	99		147	12	61		41 20	18 98	60 18
*Island Creek	*Jim Janey	Oxford, 5	25	250	275		300	12	200	15	5 31	25 00	30 31
Knap of Reeds	S. F. Bullock	Lyons	12	109	121		137	12	70	2	48 81		48 81
Knott's Grove	S. W. Knott	Oxford, 2	8	74	82		60	12	37	3	10 00	11 70	21 70
Mary's Chapel	J. V. Wheelers	Creedmoor	7	108	115			12	65			9 95	9 95
Mt. Zion	L. R. Daniel	Oxford, 1	7	50	57		86	12	34		26 83	33	27 16
Mountain Creek	R. L. Eakes	Oxford, 7	9	142	151		110	12	75	13	54 81	10 00	64 81
Mt. Harmony	L. P. Sherman	Timberlake	4	20	24		17	6	20				
*Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	5	52	57		46	12	30				
New Light	W. N. Ray	Wake Forest 4	6	65	71		39	11	40				
Oxford	W. A. McFarland	Oxford	23	418	441	565	5700	12	259	33	740 02	276 76	1016 78
Olive Grove	A. B. Smith	Northside	6	99	105		480	12	45	4		18 45	18 45
Olive Branch													
Peace Chapel	J. W. Moss	Oxford, 3	7	53	60		76	12	40	6		10 57	10 57
Pleasant Grove	S. H. Mize	Hester, 1	8	114	122		350	9	80	10		7 50	7 50
Poplar Creek	J. P. Capps	Henderson	6	18	24	88	60	12	20	1	7 41		7 41
Providence	E. M. Slaughter	Mill Creek	6	95	101		117	12	50	2			
Rock Spring	T. J. Richardson	Clarksville, Va.	8	77	85		75	9	62	8		9 78	9 78
State Line	T. L. Sizemore	Soudan, Va.	4	30	34		30	6	23	8		3 25	3 25
Stovall	E. M. Hart	Stovall	7	65	72		50	12	45		6 00		6 00
Sharon	J. B. Elliott	Berea, 1	5	59	64		75	12	27			8 00	8 00
Tally Ho	W. J. Royster	Oxford, 6	8	45	53		75	12	38		6 97	15 75	22 72
Tabb's Creek	M. F. Adcock	Oxford, 5	6	70	76		100	12	50	18	21 99	7 00	28 99
West Oxford	C. A. Hurst	Oxford	10	143	153		156	12	100	13	76 50	17 80	94 30
Total			279	3165	3444				2098	182	$1404 53	$ 617 53	$2022 06

* Two Schools.

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FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Totals
Amis Chapel	$ 250 00	$	$		$	$	$ 53 83	$ 38 01	$ 90 84		$ 35 00		$	$	$ 2 55	$ 470 23
Antioch	150 00		12 00	6 00			12 65	15 60	20 35		7 85		4 65	3 73		232 83
Beulah	360 00	3 20	54 20	12 60			61 36	20 07	64 21		60 55	9 15		1 62	22 40	669 36
Bethany	75 00	50 00		5 00			7 65	3 00	4 00		11 86		2 20	2 00		160 71
Bullock	150 00			11 61			6 25	4 97	7 25	1 65	30 74		1 00	4 92		218 39
Corinth	280 00	15 00					15 00	4 15	11 19						29 00	354 34
Creedmoor	200 00		160 00	35 00			27 62	26 36	31 50	2 60	63 85		2 50	4 00	40 00	593 43
Concord	150 00		12 00	15 00	5 00		25 00		14 50		19 00					240 50
Dexter	150 00		4 70	12 50			23 00	24 25	31 56		12 00				21 23	279 24
Enon	275 00	6 80	41 00	1 10			63 71	66 56	113 42		94 57		11 37	11 50	30 00	715 63
Fellowship	150 00				4 30			10 14	6 41		9 90			2 46	15 20	198 41
Florence Avenue	400 00		50 00	25 00			40 50	59 50	134 70	5 78	44 78		17 00	9 00		786 26
Grassy Creek	250 00	5 00	21 00	10 00			45 00	19 18	91 55		40 88			9 00	21 00	512 61
Hester's	271 00	135 00	50 30	18 98	61 07		26 60	26 20	48 95		37 73	19 54	13 55	9 45	12 72	731 09
Island Creek	250 00	25 00	37 25	25 00			80 00	45 31	100 00		15 00	20 00	15 00	5 00	52 50	670 06
Knott's Grove	200 00	19 80		11 70			32 96	20 28	41 70	1 00	14 75	4 50	12 00	5 00	47 68	411 37
Knap of Reeds	200 00		50 25				33 15	25 45	35 40	5 75	77 54		12 00	6 00	22 63	468 17
Mary's Chapel	120 00			9 95			2 00	2 55	2 00	6 11	7 67				6 40	156 68
{ Mt. Zion	200 00		41 55	5 88			16 18	21 41	57 18		26 51		3 90	3 63	18 00	394 24
{ Slaughter Fund	20 00						152 62		152 63							325 25
Mountain Creek	250 00		95 63	10 00			74 11	34 00	130 00		36 81	25 00	7 00	9 48	31 00	703 03
Mt. Harmony		2 00						1 33	3 27		3 00					9 60
Mill Creek	300 00	110 00	30 60				35 55	50 00	182 55		35 05		13 37	13 38		770 50
Oxford	1800 00	1337 40	372 41	276 76	190 00	2 15	385 50	323 59	627 55	17 48	398 21	125 00	50 00	25 00	214 78	6145 83
Olive Grove	150 00		41 50	18 45	9 52	3 35	4 98	10 00	6 00		7 00					250 80
Olive Branch																
Peace Chapel	150 00			10 57			6 18	6 00	3 00		11 15				40 00	226 90
Pleasant Grove	225 00		9 00	7 50			11 45	10 25	14 50		26 90			3 04	30 00	337 64
Poplar Creek	275 00		18 00	6 00			48 70	29 25	68 71		17 56	31 50			40 00	534 72
Providence	150 00	1 20		19 35	6 00		5 25	10 00	10 00	1 74	6 79					210 33
Rock Spring	250 00		12 00	9 78	9 04		7 00	14 25	27 60		7 00			2 75	1 50	340 92
State Line	150 00		10 00	3 25			25 00	7 00	7 00		3 19					205 44
Stovall	360 00	2 00	30 50	24 00	5 00		44 40	22 05	57 25		13 85				53 00	612 05
Sharon	137 00			8 00			13 10	9 35	19 47		20 89	2 30			116 48	326 59
Tally Ho	275 00	52 00	24 00	15 75			38 00	11 67	16 57		49 56	3 00			35 00	520 55
Tabb's Creek	125 00	2 65	14 23	7 00			9 14	8 77	10 80		13 28		3 85		97 00	291 72
West Oxford	200 00	104 00	33 75		17 80		3 75	16 95	33 00		20 00				51 52	480 77
Totals 1915	$ 8898 00	$ 1871 05	$ 1225 87	$ 622 33	$ 307 73	$ 5 50	$ 1437 19	$ 997 45	$ 2276 61	$ 42 11	$1280 42	$ 239 99	$ 169 39	$ 130 96	$ 1051 59	$ 20556 19
Totals 1914	$ 7767 55	$ 3763 32	$ 1173 86	$ 677 10	$ 263 75	26 57	$ 1508 27	$ 1128 69	$ 3222 15	$ 65 20	$1444 47	$ 283 07	$ 192 38	$ 205 88	$ 1231 53	$ 22947 69

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL SESSION

Flat River Baptist Association

ISLAND CREEK CHURCH

JULY 12-13, 1916

Moderator: W. A. DEVIN, Oxford, N. C.

Clerk: J. C. HOWARD, Oxford, N. C.

Treasurer: LEWIS CLARK, Virgilina, Va., R.F.D.

NEXT SESSION MEETS ON WEDNESDAY AFTER
SECOND SUNDAY IN JULY, 1917

INTRODUCTORY SERMON BY REV. C. A. UPCHURCH
OXFORD, N. C.

CONSTITUTION FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and coöperate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association and, at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

ART. 7. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.—The Clerk of the preceding Association shall call the body to order at its next session. If the Clerk be absent then the Pastor of the church, at which the session is held, shall act as temoprary chairman.

G. T. LUMPKIN.

Adopted by unanimous vote.

BY-LAWS

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

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In Memoriam

Deacon Millington Blalock

Delegates

Members of Board of Missions—R. H. Marsh.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—C. A. Upchurch.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—Messrs. H. G. Bryant, E. G. Usry, F. P. Hobgood.

Executive Board—Messrs. G. T. Lumpkin, Pervis Tilley and B. F. Hester.

Pastors and Their Post-Offices

Arnette, Rev. J. M. ---------- Durham, N. C.
Bass, Rev. J. H. ---------- Republican Grove, Va.
Barnes, J. H. ---------- Raleigh, N. C.
Beam, Rev. J. A. ---------- Bethel Hill, N. C.
Bryant, Rev. H. C. ---------- Wake Forest, N. C.
Currin, Rev. Joe B. ---------- Oxford, N. C.
*Davis, Rev. J. G. ---------- R. 2, Wake Forest, N. C.
Hartsville, Paul ---------- Creedmoor, N. C.
Lumpkin, Rev. G. T. ---------- Oxford, N. C.
*Martin, Rev. J. L. ---------- Stem, N. C.
Marsh, Rev. R. H. ---------- Oxford, N. C.
Nelson, Rev. E. R. ---------- Henderson, N. C.
*Peele, Rev. R. E. ---------- Clarksville, Va.
Putnam, Rev. D. F. ---------- Roxboro, N. C.
Reeves, Jerry ---------- Nelson, Va.
Usry, Rev. E. G. ---------- Oxford, N. C.
Walton, Rev. M. C. ---------- Virgilina, Va.

Standing Committees for Next Session

Foreign Missions
State Missions
Home Missions
—Reports by G. T. Lumpkin.

Periodicals—E. R. Nelson.
Education—E. G. Usry.
Orphanage—Paul Daniel.
Sunday Schools—B. S. Royster.
Temperance—T. B. Hill.
Womans Work—M. C. Walton.

* Absent

Family Prayer—J. H. Bass.
Obituaries—J. A. Beam.
Ministerial Relief—Joe B. Currin.
Order of Business, 1916—F. P. Hobgood, R. S. Hort, S. W. Knott and C. A. Upchurch.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

AMIS CHAPEL—C. W. Sneed, W. L. Clark, H. R. Frazier.
ANTIOCH—Pastor D. F. Putnam.
BETHANY—J. W. Newton.
BEULAH—J. N. Watkins, C. H. Piper, B. H. Oakley.
BULLOCKS—J. G. Pittard, B. G. Hicks, G. W. Royster.
CORINTH—J. I. Gordon, N. C. Brummitt.
CREEDMOOR—R. H. Rogers, W. H. Averett.
CONCORD—W. H. Daniel.
DEXTER—E. G. Adcock, S. A. Green, J. S. Royster.
ENON—B. F. Hester, J. M. Phipps.
FELLOWSHIP—J. H. Perry.
FLORENCE AVENUE—T. B. Hill, M. C. Walton, S. M. Torian.
GRASSY CREEK—L. S. Sizemore, Chas. Morgan.
HESTER'S—N. F. Hobgood, B. F. Currin, B. F. Dean.
ISLAND CREEK—P. B. Sneed, F. M. Woody, Clifton Tippett.
KNAP OF REEDS—S. F. Bullock, Pervis Tilley.
KNOTT'S GROVE—S. W. Knott, Rufus Tillotson.
MARY'S CHAPEL—
MT. ZION—E. D. Gooch, Dr. E. B. Meadows, Arch Daniel.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—D. W. Frazier, R. S. Hart.
MT. HARMONY—Joe Currin.
MILL CREEK—T. H. Street, Alvis Parham.
NEW LIGHT—
OXFORD—W. A. Devin, L. Thomas, J. C. Howard.
OLIVE GROVE—
OLIVE BRANCH—C. P. Sanford, Lem Seat.
PEACE CHAPEL—W. A. Tippett, H. A. Hight.
PLEASANT GROVE—R. A. Averett, S. H. Mize.
POPLAR CREEK—G. W. Wright.
PROVIDENCE—E. M. Slaughter, J. D. Perkinson.
ROCK SPRING—T. J. Richardson.
STATE LINE—
STOVALL—J. F. Norwood, T. H. Tingen, E. M. Hart.
SHARON—W. A. Sherman, H. T. Sherman.
TALLY HO—J. E. Duncan, H. M. Bragg.
TABB'S CREEK—W. J. Brummitt, G. W. Hart, M. F. Adcock.
WEST OXFORD—D. F. Lanier, B. G. Oakley.

Proceedings

ISLAND CREEK, July 15, 1916.

The Association meets in 123rd annual session. Devotional exercises conducted by the pastor, C. A. Upchurch.

Moderator of 1915 session, W. A. Devin, called the body to order.

J. C. Howard called to the desk as temporary clerk.

Ballot prepared for Moderator of this session. W. A. Devin elected. In his acceptance, he remarked on necessary amendment needed to our constitution.

J. C. Howard unanimously elected Clerk by ballot.

W. L. Clark unanimously elected Treasurer.

Order of Business as printed in minutes of 1915 session, adopted as amended, changing places of women's work and the Orphanage.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

It is platitudinous and idle to speak of the power and influence of the press. From the days when William Caxton set up his English printing press until this hour, that power has steadily grown and to-day, with vastly increased mail facilities and a correspondingly increased number of readers, it is perhaps the greatest instrument at our command.

Let it be noted that the press of itself is not a force. It is not even a power. It is an implement, a tool, a weapon. It is available for use by the powers of good and the powers of evil. The powers of evil, always on the alert, have seized upon the press with eagerness and over this country to-day flows a steady stream of printed stuff, reeking with pruriency, cankerous with scepticism, insidious with malignant suggestion. It is therefore an imperious necessity that commands the Christian Church to utilize the press to its fullest capacity. A bad literature is fought most effectively with a good literature and we shall rear no force in this fight so powerful as a virile, Christian literature backed by the heart and brain of the Christian Church.

From a denominational standpooint our publications serve to keep the organization intact and in good marching order. Their functions are two-fold. They are the creators of a public sentiment, moulders of a public opinion, and then the voice of authority speaking for that sentiment and expressing that opinion.

North Carolina Baptists are fortunate in having ably edited publications at our command. No recommendation is needed for the *Biblical Recorder*. It ought to be in every Baptist home in the State. The *Charity and Children*, vibrant, sparkling, and often referred to as the most quoted publication in the State, ought to go with it. The *Foreign Mission Journal*, and other missionary publications, should not be overlooked. They are the war bulletins from the firing lines of Christ.

This committee therefore recommends that the loyal support of this Association be given to our publications. That this support consist:

First. Subscribing to and paying for these publications.

Second. Giving them that loyal coöperation which will enable them to speak with the voice of conscious authority upon all matters pertaining to and affecting the spiritual welfare of the commonwealth.

Third. Fostering and nourishing in the heart of the denomination those subtle soul-forces which feed and inspire the hearts and brains of our editors and writers.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. PARHAM,
Committee.

Read and discussed by author. Further discussed by H. C. Moore, editor *Biblical Recorder.*

Adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The women of the Southern Baptist Convention are a great power in the work of the Lord. In our own State, the progress made since the organization of the W. M. U., in 1886, has been phenomenal. From an attendance of 14 then to more than 500 in recent sessions, gives some idea of what has taken place. Last year's report shows, 243 new societies were organized, 77 Sunbeam bands, 18 Royal Embassador chapters, 53 Y. W. C. A.'s, and 95 W. M. S., being 154 more than was reported last year making a grand total of 1,316 actually at work. Five hundred societies observed the week of prayer and 600 tithers were reported. The objects fostered by the Union are: State, Home and Foreign Missions and

the Woman's Training School at Louisville. More than $50,000.00 was contributed to these objects last year by these "Hand Maids" of the Lord in our State.

Much has been done, and much remains to be done, only one-half of our churches have societies, only one-fourth of our women are enlisted, and the need of better trained leaders, so much needed in many of the societies now having a name to live, lacking in efficiency. The crying need to-day in the country churches is for trained and consecrated leaders in all departments of our work, making a calling to our sisters, worthy of their zeal.

The report of the work in the Flat River Association is very encouraging, showing an increase in numbers of societies, gifts and efficiency. At present there are 51 societies which contributed last year $1,411.41. More mission magazines are taken, more study classes maintained, and the last annual meeting was the most largely attended, the most inspiring and spiritual of any previous session. At present, Miss Sue Kelly is visiting the churches in the interest of the W. M. U. work, encouraging those already at work and organizing at new places. We heartily commend her and the work she is doing to the people with whom she may labor in her itinery in the bound of the Association.

D. F. PUTNAM.

Read an discussed by the author, T. H. Street and F. P. Hobgood. Miss Sue Kelly, upon request, made a short statement of the work.

M. C. Walton preached at arbor.

Brethren Moore, Brewer and Middleton recognized and welcomed.

Introductory sermon by G. T. Lumpkin at the appointed hour.

Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional exercises. Song by Hester's quartette. Prayer by J. A. Beam. R. H. Marsh makes motion to have W. N. Critcher make wagon cover of old tent and sell.

Carried.

New Pastors.—C. A. Upchurch, M. C. Walton, H. G. Bryant, J. H. Bass, Hartsell. Jerry Reeves and Brother Bagby, of Richmond College, recognized and welcomed.

J. A. Beam makes partial report of receipts from various churches making contribution to help support Pastor James Humphrie's widow.

Report by W. L. Clark on Fontaine monument erected at Amis Chapel.

FOR THE P. H. FONTAINE MONUMENT

Contributed from field	$ 96.81
Contributed from family	61.04
Contributed from other churches	29.40
Contributed from individual	3.00
Contributed from out side of Flat River Association	7.75
	$198.00

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

No department of Christian endeavor has made more rapid strides in the last decade than the Sunday School work. It has grown into one of the most effective and enthusiastic branches of church endeavor, it has become one of the more potent factors in developing Christian efficiency. The old idea of Sunday Schools as a nursery for the entertainment of children and place for the women to exercise their spiritual graces has almost departed and there has grown up an almost universal conception of the Sunday School as the church engaged in the study of the Word of God. It has came to pass that the Sunday School is now regarded a distinct part of divine worship, and the old time custom of having the brethren sitting out under the trees while a few women try to teach an uninterested lot of children would be a positive curiosity to an intelligent Baptist people. The church that lets its Sunday School die in the winter and then run at a poor dying rate in the summer time is a back number these days.

We are discovering that if Christian people are going to do anything in the Kingdom they must knew something. And since we hold that the Bible is the book on which we build our faith and practice we ought to know something about it. Therefore we are taking advantages of the Sunday School hour to get a better grip on the old Book.

In this day of enlightenment, and especially before such a body of Baptists as the representatives to the Flat River Associa-

tion, I would not presume to urge the importance of the Sunday School work. If perchance there is one poor benighted soul left in the great advancement of his people so far that he does not appreciate the value of Sunday School, well, I would say, "wake up, brother, and hurry about it or you will never catch up again, you are a generation behind the times."

Your committee conceives it to be its duty to suggest some ways of increasing the efficiency of this splendid department of Christian endeavor.

Therefore we would recommend that you make earnest and immediate efforts to provide in your churches better equipment for doing effective Sunday School work. I am frank to admit that much of the indifference to this great work is due to the fact that our churches are not constructed so that good work can be done. We have not realized that it is worth the price to make better facilities for successful teaching in the Sunday School. Build rooms to your churches. Yes, make the sacrifices necessary. When your family grows you do not put them all to sleep in the same bed, you buy other beds, you even build larger houses. You think it important to house them. We contend that you ought to adequately house your growing Sunday School.

We would suggest further that you make every possible effort to prepare better trained teachers for your school. You may not have college trained men and women to teach, but there are splendid facilities for developing trained teachers that our fathers never dreamed of. Our Southern Baptist Board has prepared a course of study that will make a better informed and more enthusiastic teacher. That course will give him new visions of the possibilities, new ideals of the value of his work and new appreciation of the needs of this Sunday School training. Every Sunday School ought to have a teachers training class some time each year.

Better equipment and better teachers constitute the chief needs of our Sunday Schools to-day. And I bid you consider these two suggestions.

We would suggest further that you use the Sunday School literature prepared by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville. It is as good as the best and infinitely better than these cheap John productions of non-denominational establishments. Nothing can be gained by substituting the good old tried and true of the Baptists for that namby-pamby convictionless, always-ready-to-please-everybody kind of stuff. If you won't use Baptist literature then get that of some other denomination but don't buy the worthless. Nobody is a father to it's kind.

We would suggest further that you will make your Sunday Schools the center of your evangelistic endeavor. Here is your greatest opportunity for reaching the lost. Bring to bear on the young mind the meaning of the cross and lead them to the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

Make your Sunday Schools a mighty stream of power and salvation to pour constantly into your churches and you have solved the problem of the future of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. LUMPKIN.

Read and discussed by author, further by E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary.

Adopted.

In absence of committee to submit Report on Education the subject was laid before the Association for general discussion.

Spoken to by C. E. Brewer, Meredith College; F. P. Hobgood, and J. A. Beam.

EDUCATION MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL

We belive that the highest and best education is to be had in our denominational schools and colleges. We therefore call especial attention to Oxford College within our Association as being worthy of our prayers and patronage, and commend it with confidence to our Association. We also call the attention of the Association to Meredith College, that is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina, and fully under the control of the denomination. Therefore it deserves the heartiest support of every Baptist in North Carolina.

Wake Forest College is today one of the most valuable assets that the Baptist of this State have. It has given us a refined and cultural and consecrated ministry. It has removed the reproach that Baptists were an ignorant and uncultural people. It is a great tower of strength to the Kingdom of God. Let us then remember that Wake Forest has the first claim upon your boy when he is ready for college work.

We have felt for a long time that the cause of Christian education should receive new emphasis.

The Baptist State Convention at its last session, elected a Board of Education to take charge of general and ministerial education. Dr. R. T. Vann was elected as Field Secretary. The Board of Education has requested the churches to give two-fifths

as much to education as they do to State missions. We therefore believe that every church in this Association should give not less than two-fifths as much for both ministrial and general education as they do for State Missions. We therefore request the delegates to make special mention of this request of the Board of Education before their churches.

T. B. HILL
For Committee.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That a committee of eighteen, (of which the Moderator shall be a member), be appointed by our Moderator, which shall consider the matter of puchasing and perpetuating Oxford College as an Associational enterprise in all its phases, and make a report at the next session of this body.

G. T. LUMPKIN.

Adopted.

T. B. Hill is requested by the Chair to write report on Education and read tomorrow.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTER'S RELIEF

With the blush of youth on his face, with the zeal of a newborn soul burning within him, and a complete renunciation of the opportunity of earning money along business lines the young man enters the Gospel ministry. Like the young soldier leaving for the front he leaves the old homestead, the comrades of his youth and all business opportunities, and goes to the front "where duty or danger calls he is found."

He is not supposed to name his salary he is expected to lead his churches in all their giving. He is called upon to aid dozens of causes that do not appear in the church budgets. His young manhood is spent in striving to fit himself for his work. The churches usually pay a living salary. They figure on getting preaching "at cost." The preacher spends his years of strength in an effort to be the living sacrifice he tells others they should be.

Now he is old; no home has been built up; nothing for a "rainy day" has been provided. It took all he earned to live upon and with which to lead his people in giving.

The old minister's relief fund is our pension for this veteran who has been retired with honor. We seek to help him to retire in comfort.

The reports to this Association this year show that 13 churches gave nothing to this cause.

In 1914 our gifts to these old battle-scarred veterans

amounted to $205.00. Last year we gave only $130.96. The total this year is $167.14.

This amounts to a total of less than 2½ cents per member.

Should we not give more? Can we not double what we have done? Are we faithful to them and to ourselves in this matter?

C. A. UPCHURCH,
For Committee.

Read and discussed by the author.

Adopted.

Chair appoints committee on time, place, etc.—F. M. Woody, R. S. Hart and B. F. Dean.

W. N. Johnson recognized and welcomed. Committee on entertainment reports. Adjournment.

MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises. Roll call of delegates and pastors. T. B. Hill reads Report on Education, as per request of Chair.

Adopted without further discussion.

REPORT ON MSSIONS

To one who loves the Lord Jesus truly, missions is one of the sweetest words in the vocabulary. It is the very heart of Jesus. He was sent: He came on a mission. He came joyfully. To do his Father's will was his very food: it was his one business. He has sent us. We are now his representatives. He can not reach the human family, scattered all over the earth, and take to them the revelation of his Father except through his representatives. He is in anguish of heart for the fallen sons of Adam to hear the story of His cross and of His empty tomb, but He waits for those who have heard it and who say they love Him to do his bidding. He has no other plan. His gospel, proclaimed by redeemed men, has in it the power to turn the world up-side down and to become its life and light; but without the human instrument even the Gospel can not save. Putting the human instrument into the Gospel and coöperating with God is missions.

Jesus looked at the world as a whole—it was just missions with Him. Wherever there was a people, or a family, or a man bearing the image of God and the curse of Adam He had a mission to perform. He said, "from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of

the earth," lest we should discriminate and stop short of some part of the lost race. He has never qualified his imperial command and we have no right to qualify it. We are committed to a world-wide program of evangelism and teaching.

The work is still one: there are no real divisions or boundaries. Our terms State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions simply correspond to Judea. Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth in the phraseology of our Lord.

State Missions.—Our retiring Secretary, in his report to the convention at Charlotte last December, said: "It is our great pleasure to submit the best report that was ever presented to the Convention." Thus it is each year; the work in our commonwealth fostered by the Board of Missions is, like a healthy child, growing rapidly and normally. The three geographical sections, East, Piedmont and West are feeling and responding to the power of the Gospel as preached by our 146 missionaries. Last year these preachers witnessed 3,835 professions of faith, baptised 3,687 converts, added by letter 2,302, organized 15 churches and either completed or had under construction 53 houses of worship. They raised on their fields for all purposes, exclusive of their salaries, $57,558,28. They are at present working with 266 churches and 20 mission stations. The appropriations for the current year have been made on a basis of $55,000. The receipts last year were $55,524.39 and its expenditures were $875.00 in excess of this amount. The Flat River Association contributed $1,437.19. This was a decrease of $71.08 as compared with 1914. For the year just closing our gifts to this board are $1,374.96, or $62.23 less than we gave in 1915. During last year the Board paid out for interest on borrowed money $648.51. That item of interest is an expenditure of the Lord's money that North Carolina Baptists cannot possibly justify. It is a shameful waste chargeable entirely to lack of financial system in so many of our churches.

If there are weak points in the policy—or rather in the practice—of those charged with responsibility in the matter of making recommendations to the Board, one of them is discoverable in our failure to concentrate our forces around strategic centers. It is high time that our Executive Committee coöperate closely with the Board in the grouping of dependent churches into compact fields. Churches that must receive appropriations ought to yield in this matter to the combined judgment of the Associational Executive Committee and the Board.

Another blunder is sometimes made by allowing enthusiasm to outrun deliberate judgment and as a result organize a church in a community already occupied by other denominations, or in a

section too close to another Baptist church. A feeble church is born and asks the Board of Missions to become its foster mother. The Board, out of its great heart and slender purse, responds. The rest of the story need not be told. It has been written many times in the catalog of the blunders of our denomination.

A feature of development that must be worked out with increasing zeal and intelligence is to bring our dependent churches to the degree of efficiency and financial strength that will enable them to thank the foster mother and to say to her, we will not accept your aid any longer. Even in the case of a church that does not and cannot grow rapidly in numerical strength all the graces, particularly that of stewardship, ought to develop so normally that the church, except in unusual cases, should not have to rely on help from the Board of Missions.

The Church Building Fund is a comparatively new phase of the work of this Board. With a small beginning in 1909, it has already helped in the construction of 60 houses of worship, whose value is $245,000. A number of these, very weak in their inception, were thus helped to a good and independent footing. Perhaps one of the most strategic moves the Board could make now would be to enlarge the scope of this work and, in conjunction with the Home Board, pursue a policy that would result in building within the shortest time practicable, an adequate church home at each of our educational centers, especially and first of all, at our State University at Chapel Hill.

In the interest of our needy State missionaries and of better business methods in general, we should like to see the missionaries paid monthly instead of quarterly.

We urge upon the churches of this Association a more adequate support of our Board of Missions.

Home Missions.—The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the greatest evangelizing agency of all the home mission boards in America. And, like our other boards, it has just made its report of the greatest and most glorious year's work, tabulating a total of 43,792 baptisms, 28,680 creditable directly to it, and 27,594 additions by letter, besides hundreds and thousands enlisted in larger service for the Master, waste places changed into fruitful gardens, destitute frontiers given the stability and culture of older communities, thousands of foreigners made citizens of the Kingdom and a great social uplift given those who have been reached. These are some of the achievements of this department of effort. The missionaries also constituted 167 churches, and 321 houses of worship were either built or improved.

In its department of enlistment the Board has 20 workers

who are doing foundation work in teaching our people to honor the Lord with their substance. More than three-fourths of our churches of the South are rural and about 10,000 of them have never learned the grace of giving. To teach them along this line requires patience and persistence.

The work done in the mountain schools is one of the most potent phases of the home mission task. That magnificent exhibit at Asheville was a revelation to the uninformed. Since the beginning of the mountain schools they have sent out 350 preachers, 200 lawyers, 225 doctors, 30 missionaries, 30 trained nurses, 2,500 public school teachers, and 18 members of legislatures, besides thousands of others to fill other useful occupations.

But the Flat River Association does not believe in Home Missions, as is evidenced by our contributions to this cause in 1915 and 1916. Last year we gave 16 cents each, or a total of $997.45. This year we have made a gain of $26.91 and reached a total of $1,024.36.

We must bear in mind that the Board closed its fiscal year with a deficit of $72,308, and while we are making a strenuous effort to liquidate the debt on the Foreign Board, this debt must be carried for another year. Most of it has been included in the budget for the current year, but many very pressing needs could not be supplied on this account and it is necessary that the receipts for Home Missions shall be greatly increased during the present conventional year or the work of the Board will have to be further curtailed and seriously injured. The importance of rallying to the support of Home Missions just now and in the near future with larger gifts and fervent prayers cannot be over emphasized in view of the prospect of an influx of immigrants from Europe when the present war has been fought to a finish. Many of these immigrants will find their way to our cities and to our farms and they will seriously manace our morals and our Christianity if we do not give them the only remedy for sin.

We wish also to give our most hearty endorsment and coöperation to the organized effort soon to be made in the interest of the Church Extension Fund of a million dollars. This has been waiting for the Judson Memorial movement to be completed and to get out of the field. It is to the discredit of Baptists that they are behind all the other large denominations in providing a fund from which loans are made for the purpose of building houses of worship in weak but growing communities. If we are going to be aggressive and play our part in the coming Kingdom in the Southland we cannot wait longer to raise and maintain such a department of no mean proportions.

Foreign Missions.—The 37 churches of this Association gave last year to the work of preaching the gospel to the 700,000,000 of lost heathen $2,276.61, or 37 cents per member. This year we have given $218.69 less than that amount, or $2,057.92. The receipts of the Board for the current fund were $518,428.38 and $288,401.13 for the Judson Centennial Fund, making a total of $806,829.51 for last year. Necessary expenditures were greatly in excess of receipts and in consequence of this and the fact that Baptists of the South have for seven years been allowing an accumulation of debt on their foreign work the Board reported at Asheville in May a deficit of $180,000. God's Spirit launched a movement in the Convention to liquidate this debt within 60 days. It is yet too early to know the full result of this heroic effort. We have not finished praying and working and giving. We would urge every church in this Aaaociation to have even a sacrificial part in removing this staggering debt.

Let us ask ourselves if we have ever taken our Lord seriously. His last words to us, as He was ascending to the Right Hand of Power, were, "to the uttermost parts of the earth." To obey requires both men and money. We have more men than the means available will send to the field. North Carolina Baptists give to the support of the Gospel about one-tenth of one-tenth of their income and out of every dollar we give to the cause we spend 94 cents in the homeland and send only 6 cents to save the lost heathen in the uttermost parts. Southern Baptists are giving twenty-five times as much for the spread and upkeep of the Gospel at home as they are to evangelize the 700,000,000 who have never heard the first call of the Gospel.

In Nigeria, West Africa, seven ordined missionaries labor among half as many negroes as live in our Southland, while we have eight ordained men among the 13,000,000 of the Argentine Mission. The population of Brazil is about equal to that of the Southern Baptist Convention territory. In the former country we have 28 ordained missionaries and here at home 12,000—one minister to a million in Brazil and one to every 2,500 at home! The six provinces of China in which we have missions have four times the population of the South, yet we have in them only 64 ordained workers, or one to every 2,000,000; and among 12,000,000 of Japanese we have nine ordained preachers. Have we taken the Lord seriously?

In proportion to the investment we have made in the foreign work the returns have been glorious: 122 ordained missionaries and 182 natives baptised last year, 6,471 converts and constituted 77 churches, besides securing other great results too numerous to re-

port here. If anyone is disposed to ask, does foreign missions pay in tangible results? let this be the answer: "In the United States last year the average in conversions was three and two-thirds to one minister, while on the whole foreign field it was 25 to one."

During the year applications were received from numerous consecrated young persons desiring to go as missionaries, but all except 22 who were sent out had to be either rejected or placed on the waiting list because of the lack of funds. Yet there is immediate and imperative need of 156 new workers.

It is with profound gratitude to God that we report the completion during the year of the million and a quarter Judson Centennial Fund. But we must not allow ourselves to feel any complacency over this and conclude that we may relax somewhat in our gifts. On the contrary, this is simply laying a broader foundation for largely increased action and therefore makes necessary a correspondingly large current expense.

We urge this Association not to permit its gifts for the next year to fall short of $3,000.

E. R. NELSON.

Discussed by author. T. B. Hill offers an amendment to the report and spoke to the report.

Amendment to Mission Report.—We also favor the consolidation of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

T. B. HILL.

C. A. Upchurch seconds Hill amendment and speaks to the same. F. P. Hobgood speaks to the same and appeals for Foreign Missions.

The following churches are going to try to raise $100 each for Foreign Mission: Amis Chapel, Beulah, Creedmoor, Mt. Zion, Poplar Creek, Stovall.

G. T. Lumpkin also speaks. W. N. Johnson, Secretary, then is introduced and makes a good showing in his maiden speech as Secretary.

Report adopted as amended.

Bro. Paul Daniel recognized as the only ministerial student from Flat River Association at Wake Forest.

Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Clerk reads Digest of Church letters also offers resolution.

DIGEST OF LETTERS	1916	1915
Number of churches	36	36
Number of members	6,325	6,044
Number baptized	384	583
Number died	50	41
36 churches have 41 Sunday Schools		
Number Sunday Schools open all year	28	26
Number scholars in Sunday Schools	4,030	3,444
Number officers and teachers	318	279
Church members in Sunday School	2,023	
Benevolence contributions	$ 6,955.73	$ 6,854.14
Home expenses contributions	14,086.69	13,503.64
Total contributions	21,042.42	20,357.78
Per capita average to total	5.22	3.45
Per capita average to benevolence	1.10	1.16
Pastor's average salary per church	257.15	236.43

WHEREAS, It seems necessary to have a digest of the Church letters made at or before the Association convenes, so that the body, while in session, may act intelligently upon the doings of the Churches for the year just closing, and,

WHEREAS, Some clerks and pastors are a little negligent about gathering statistics at the proper time, and,

WHEREAS, The Clerk of the Association must have the letters some days before the Association meets in which to prepare this digest; therefore, be it

Resolved (1), That the Church Clerks all be requested and urged to gather and keep all statistics along through the year and pastors assist them.

Resolved (2), That our Associational year end June 30th.

J. C. HOWARD.

Adopted.

Requests for letters of dismission from Mill Creek, Providence and Antioch Churches read. Remarks of appreciation made by F. P. Hobgood, T. H. Street and D. F. Putnam. Letters granted.

RESOLUTION BY E. R. NELSON

Resolved (1), That it is the sense of this body that the elaborate entertainment provided up to this time by the entertaining Church has become a tremendous and unnecessary burden which ought not any longer be imposed.

Resolved (2), That henceforth the entertaining Church be requested to provide for the needs only of the Association proper and the visiting agents of the several interests of our denominations.

E. R. NELSON.

Discussed by the author and C. A. Upchurch.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We beg to report, that we have canvassed the letters and find no Church inviting next session of the Association.

We recommend Rev. C. A. Upchurch as preacher for the annual sermon, and Wednesday, after second Sunday in July, time for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Woody,
R. S. HART,
B. F. DEAN.

The Chair announces that the matter of place is left to Executive Committee.

Motion of E. G. Usry to pay Clerk $25.00 for services.

Carried.

Motion of L. Thomas that the Clerk be requested to make digest of church letters from organization of the Association, giving pastors, places, etc.

Carried.

Motion expressing appreciation of Island Creek not allowing soft drinks being sold promiscuously.

Carried.

Temperance Committee absent. No report.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

At the close of the year on June 15th, 500 children were being cared for, 50 of these were at the Kennedy Home. During the year 65 children were received and the average attendance was

491. From the beginning 1,662 children have been received into the Institution.

The Orphanage finds its chief source of support in the Churches and Sunday Schools of the denomination. During the year contributions amounting to $54,822.77 have come into the general fund from this source. From *Charity and Children,* the shoe shop, farms, interest, bequests, etc., it has during the year received $49,504.29, making a grand total of $104,327.06.

Charity and Children is probably the best paying property of the Orphanage, made so by the incisive writing of its editor, Archibald Johnson. It carries 17,200 paid subscriptions and during the year showed a net profit of $5,699.65.

The figures showing contributions by the churches of this Association during the past year are not before me as I write. In 1914 we contributed $1,444.47. In 1915 these contributions fell to $1,280.42. The comparison is not a pleasing one. It is to be hoped that the reports for this year will indicate a larger benevolence on the part of our people.

The average cost of maintaining a child at the Institution is $9.09 per month. The Oxford Orphanage shows an average cost per child of $9.30 and the institution of the Odd Fellows at Goldsboro, $10.39. The cost of maintenance is as low as it ought to be. The body must be properly nurtured if the mind and the soul are to grow and develop. The Baptist denomination does not perform its full duty unless it properly cares for every child taken under its control at the Orphanage.

A number of our organized classes in the Sunday Schools have each taken upon themselves the support of an orphan at the Institution. This practice is to be commended, and ought to be extended. A number of our Sunday Schools give one Sunday's contribution each month to the Orphanage. Your committee recommends that every Sunday School in the Association adopt this plan. By so doing the work in a measure becomes systematized and a constrant stream of contributions will flow to the support of the Institution.

The denomination cannot do less than to go forward year by year with this work. An excusable pride in the work of the denomination demand it. Duty requires it. The development of Christian character in the individual members of the denomination calls for it. But above all the appeal of religion compels it. The Orphanage is the all-sufficient measure of our religion. By it the height and the depth, the weight and the force of our religion can at all times be accurately guaged.

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. BRUMMITT.

Read by the Clerk and discussed by editor A. Johnson and M. C. Walton.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY WORSHIP

Your Committee, appointed at the last meeting of the Association, on Family Worship regrets to report that family worship is one of the most neglected of all Christian duties. It is a privilege and an obligation which is appreciated by very few of our people. Many consider this report as one to be read, discussed by its author and then remembered only on a page of the minutes. That it has a place in the order of business because a place was given it by our forefathers, and in respect to custom set in motion by them, has not been discontinued. We are very glad to report, however, that there are some, and perhaps some in every church, who daily take their families with them to the Fountain of Water of Life where their thirsting souls are refreshed, cleansed, soothed and strengthened.

Joshua said: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord," and entreated the people who were led by him to be of the same mind. The service of God is the greatest honor of the greatest men and adds to them the brightest crown of glory. Joshua was a ruler, a judge in Isreal, yet he would not let his obligation to public affairs make an excuse for neglecting family religion. "Not my house without me or me without my house." A resolution worthy of the hoary-headed saint.

How much it is to be wished that all, who have tasted that the Lord is gracious, would adopt this wise resolution. Then would the work of the Lord prosper in our land.

Then would the word run and be glorified. Then would children be taught to love and fear the Lord. Then would the glory of the Lord cover the earth as waters cover the sea.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. USRY,
Committee.

Discussed by author, M. C. Walton, L. S. Sizemore, J. I. Gordon, C. A. Upchurch, A. J. Johnson, F. P. Bland, E. R. Nelson.

Adopted.

Chair appoints committees. (See first page).

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, That by a rising vote the Association express its appreciative thanks to this Church and the whole community for their most gracious and bountiful hospitality.

E. R. NELSON.

Treasurer reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I, your Treasurer, beg leave to submit the following amounts received:

Minutes Fund	$ 60.35
Home Mission	18.58
Foreign Mission	13.00
State Mission	11.00
Orphanage	3.06
Ministrial Relief	.90
	$106.89

W. L. CLARK,
Treasurer.

Adopted and ordered to pay out as designated by the report.

Resolved, That Moderator and Clerk of each session of the Association be *ex-officio* members of the next meeting of the Association.

G. T. LUMPKIN.

Adopted.

Adjournment. Song. Dismissed by prayer.

W. A. DEVIN,
Moderator.

J. C. HOWARD,
Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF PREACHING

Churches	Pastors and Post Offices	Clerks and Post Offices	Time of Preaching
Amis Chapel	Jerry Reeves, Nelson, Va.	A. E. Garner, Virgilina, Va.	1st
Antioch	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro	W. A. Barton, Roxboro, Route 5	
Bethany	Joe. B. Currin, Oxford, Route 6	A. J. Tilley, Rougemont, Route 1	3rd
Beulah	H. G. Bryant, Creedmoor	W. L. Currin, Oxford, Route 6	2nd
Bullock	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	T. A. Royster, Bullock	1st
Corinth	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	S. H. Usry, Oxford, Route 2	3rd
Creedmoor	H. G. Bryant, Creedmoor	E. K. Morris, Creedmoor	1st
Concord	E. G. Usry, Oxford	C. C. Currin, Northside	2nd
Dexter	E. G. Usry, Oxford	E. J. Green, Dabney, Route 1	3rd
Enon	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	P. W. Knott, Oxford	4th
Fellowship	H. G. Bryant, Creedmoor	C. F. Beck, Creedmoor	3rd
Florence Avenue	M. C. Walton, Virgilina, Va.	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	3rd and 4th
Grassy Creek	Jerry Reeves, Nelson, Va.	D. T. Winston, Virgilina, Va.	4th
Hester's	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	M. G. Brooks, Oxford	2nd
Island Creek	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	H. T. Shanks, Dabney	4th
Knapp of Reeds	J. H. Bass, Roxboro	E. J. Nance, Stem	
Knott's Grove	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	J. W. Dean, Oxford, Route 2	3rd
Mary's Chapel	Paul Hartsville, Creedmoor	Willie Pleasants, Creedmoor, Route 2	1st
Mount Zion	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	E. J. Daniel, Oxford, Route 1	2nd
Mountain Creek	Jerry Reeves, Nelson, Va.	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, Route 7	3rd
Mt. Harmony	Joe. B. Currin, Oxford	J. R. Jones, Moriah, Route 1	4th
Mill Creek	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro	G. W. Walker, Roxboro	3rd
New Light	J. C. Davis, Wake Forest, Route 1	Marvin Hockaday, Wake Forest, Route 4	2nd
Oxford	G. T. Lumpkins, Oxford	B. F. Taylor, Oxford	Each Sunday
Olive Grove	J. H. Barnes, Raleigh	W. B. Connelly, Northside	2nd
Olive Branch	M. C. Walton, Virgilina, Va.	C. A. Stovall, Virgilina, Va.	1st
Peace Chapel	E. G. Usry, Oxford	W. A. Tippett, Oxford, Route 3	4th
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin, Gorman	R. O. Smith, Creedmoor	4th
Poplar Creek	E. R. Nelson, Henderson	J. L. Capps, Henderson, Route 5	1st
Providence	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro	A. R. Pentecost, Roxboro	4th
Rock Spring	J. M. Arnette, Mebane	J. T. Woody, Townsville	3rd
State Line	E. E. Peel, Clarksville, Va.	Robt. Ramsey, Soudan, Va.	3rd
Stovall	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	E. M. Hart, Oxford, Route 7	1st
Sharon	J. A. Beam, Bethel Hill	W. A. Sherman, Berea, Route 1	4th
Tally Ho	H. G. Bryant, Creedmoor	W. R. Mangum, Stem	4th
Tabb's Creek	R. H. Marsh, Oxford	M. F. Adcock, Oxford, Route 5	3rd
West Oxford	E. G. Usry, Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	1st and 3rd

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches	Value of Church Property	Gain by Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	Loss by Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	No. Males	No. Females	Total Membership
Amis Chapel	$ 3,000.00	5	2	1	15	..	3	105	106	211
Antioch	1,000.00	4	5	..	...	..	..	36	62	98
Beulah	3,000.00	12	5	1	5	3	3	82	81	163
Bethany	500.00	9	3	..	2	..	..	19	40	59
Bullock	500.00	...	...	1	6	..	..	40	55	95
Corinth	1,000.00	3	2	1	3	1	..	46	65	111
Creedmoor	1,500.00	18	19	1	2	..	..	55	75	130
Concord	1,200.00	15	5	..	6	..	2	68	60	128
Dexter	1,200.00	...	5	..	4	..	..	44	48	92
Enon	1,800.00	32	16	1	3	..	..	121	113	234
Fellowship	600.00	6	2	..	6	3	1	37	79	116
Florence Avenue	2,000.00	5	12	..	10	..	..	48	79	127
Grassy Creek	300.00	15	3	2	4	5	1	134	135	269
Hester's	1,500.00	...	...	1	13	..	1	124	141	265
Island Creek	4,000.00	5	3	1	7	..	1	168	173	341
Knap of Reeds	2,000.00	6	..	..	3	..	5	66	68	134
Knott's Grove	2,000.00	...	4	..	8	..	2	44	52	96
Mary's Chapel	1,000.00	12	2	1	...	1	..	57	58	115
Mt. Zion	4,000.00	19	2	2	7	..	6	72	100	172
Mountain Creek	1,500.00	28	5	1	6	..	3	136	171	307
Mt. Harmony	700.00	...	1	..	2	2	..			
Mill Creek	1,500.00	28	7	6	9	6	..	130	200	330
New Light	500.00	4	...	..	1	..	1	27	61	88
Oxford	22,500.00	51	37	12	45	5	6	274	361	635
Olive Grove	500.00	21	8	..	5	1	2	65	91	156
Olive Branch	1,500.00	...	1	..	8	1	3	59	56	115
Peace Chapel	1,000.00	5	...	..	1	3	..	60	82	142
Pleasant Grove	1,000.00	20	5	1	4	..	5	146	158	304
Poplar Creek	2,000.00	5	2	1	...	..	2	46	48	94
Providence	1,600.00	15	8	1	4	6	..	54	111	165
Rock Spring	1,100.00	8	4	..	5	2	..	80	92	172
State Line	1,000.00	...	...	..	2	..	1	36	62	98
Stovall	1,000.00	1	8	..	1	1	2	100	140	240
Sharon	1,000.00	4	2	1	2	2	..	52	59	111
Tally Ho	1,300.00	10	5	3	12	6	..	81	139	220
Tabb's Creek	800.00	4	9	1	4	..	..	48	41	89
West Oxford	1,000.00	14	13	1	23	..	..	55	48	103
Totals, 1916	$73,600.00	384	205	41	238	48	50	2,815	3,510	6,325
Totals, 1915	71,035.00	538	154	60	230	20	41	2,625	3,419	6,044
Gain, 1916	$ 2,565.00	...	51	..	8	..	9	190	91	281
Loss, 1916		154	...	19	...	28				

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Churches	Superintendents	Post Offices	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils	Total Enrollment	No. of Church Members in S. S.	No. of Months Kept Open	No. of Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Totals
Amis Chapel	A. G. Chandler	Nelson, Va.	1	7	107	114	75	12	...	$ 15.00	$ 27.60	$ 7.62	$ 4.50	$ 54.72
Antioch	W. J. Edwards	Roxboro	1	4	87	91	50	9	...	5.40	.....	.....	.....	5.40
Beulah	D. C. Overton	Oxford	1	8	155	163	81	12	12	16.03	12.15	51.02	.....	79.20
Bethany	J. A. Malone	Moriah	1	6	50	56	12	9	4	5.00	.....	20.00	.....	25.00
Bullock	B. T. Hicks	Bullock	1	7	75	82	60	12	...	11.28	4.71	27.15	.....	43.14
Corinth	R. L. Overton	Oxford, Route 2	1	8	76	84	20	12	1	7.00	.....	.....	.....	7.00
Creedmoor	C. V. Garner	Creedmoor	1	8	80	88	40	12	16	44.85	3.02	52.35	85.00	185.22
Concord	Ralph Currin	Northside	1	7	60	67	45	9	...	6.00	.75	.....	.....	6.75
Dexter	J. S. Royster	Dabney, Route 1	1	8	57	65	40	12	...	12.50	5.03	8.85	.....	26.38
Enon	D. C. Frazier	Oxford, Route 1	1	10	200	210	150	12	30	.....	78.50	75.10	12.75	166.35
Fellowship	J. H. Perry	Creedmoor	1	7	104	111	....	12	6	12.83	.....	13.15	.....	25.98
Florence Avenue	J. T. Torian	Virgilina, Va.	1	8	96	104	60	12	3	30.00	24.79	37.90	2.50	95.19
Grassy Creek	W. E. Yancey	Nelson, Va.	1	6	140	146	75	9	8	12.00	10.65	.....	5.00	27.65
Hester's	B. F. Dean	Oxford	1	7	93	100	75	12	...	13.74	11.86	23.68	29.47	78.75
Island Creek	L. J. Shanks	Oxford, Route 5	2	14	100	114	....	12	5	15.00	5.31	.....	.....	20.31
Knap of Reeds	S. F. Bullock	Stem, Route 1	1	12	109	121	59	12	6	29.00	5.00	17.72	27.79	79.51
Knott's Grove	Jno. Knott	Oxford, Route 2	1	10	90	100	54	12	...	15.56	9.60	9.21	13.20	47.57
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Wheelous	Creedmoor, Route 2	1	5	75	80	40	12	...	9.50	.....	.....	.....	9.50
Mt. Zion	L. R. Daniel	Oxford, Route 1	1	12	60	72	35	12	15	.....	33.92	16.93	9.82	60.67
Mountain Creek	R. L. Eakes	Oxford, Route 7	1	12	180	192	150	12	16	21.00	6.61	50.58	4.10	82.29
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	7	73	80	33	12	...	10.00	.....	6.00	.....	16.00
Mt. Harmony	L. P. Sherman	Timberlake, Route 1	1	5	50	55	24	6						
New Light	W. M. Bailey	Neuse, Route 3	1	4	60	64	....	6						
Oxford	C. D. Ray	Oxford	1	23	458	481	200	12	35	60.86	199.68	262.43	51.60	574.57
Olive Grove	A. B. Smith	Northside	1	8	95	103	50	12	13	8.01	.....	.....	.....	8.01
Olive Branch	Lem Seat	Virgilina, Va.	2	6	60	66	35	9	...	.....	15.00	.....	.....	15.00
Peace Chapel	J. W. Moss	Oxford, Route 3	1	14	40	54	30	12	...	6.12	.....	1.17	.....	7.29
Pleasant Grove	S. H. Mize	Hester, Route 1	1	8	114	122	85	12	10	10.00	3.00	.....	.....	13.00
Poplar Creek	H. B. Parrott	Henderson, Route 5	1	7	10	17	15	12						
Providence	E. M. Slaughter	Mill Creek	1	8	103	111	75	12	14	16.66	9.75	10.69	.....	37.10
Rock Spring	W. H. Green	Clarksville, Va.	1	7	59	66	36	9	6	10.00	4.00	.....	5.00	19.00
State Line	W. T. Wilson	Soudan, Va.	1	5	57	62	35	6	...	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	10.00
Stovall	E. M. Hart	Oxford, Route 7	1	8	67	75	60	12	...	6.00	10.00	5.00	.....	21.00
Sharon	L. B. McFarland	Berea, Route 1	3	17	159	176	79	12	3	16.83	.....	7.36	.....	24.19
Tally Ho	W. J. Royster	Oxford, Route 6	1	8	50	58	40	12	...	18.94	1.40	5.00	2.24	27.58
Tabb's Creek	W. T. Blackwell	Oxford, Route 3	1	7	47	54	35	12	3	10.00	10.48	8.80	.....	29.28
West Oxford	D. F. Lanier	Oxford	1	10	216	226	70	12	14	34.00	6.50	20.00	69.50	130.00
Totals, 1916			41	318	3,712	4,030	2,023		220	$494.11	$499.31	$737.71	$327.47	$2,058.60
Totals, 1915				279	3,165	3,444				$617.53	$702.26	$702.27		$2,022.06

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FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief
Amis Chapel	$ 290.00	$ 1.15	$ 17.65	$46.28	$ 4.50	$	$ 70.79	$ 43.84	$ 72.75	$ 41.00	$ 32.16	$ 14.00	$ 4.50	$ 4.75
Antioch	225.00	.....	12.00	6.00	.....	.....	9.35	6.70	.....	.....	5.42	.....	3.46	.....
Beulah	225.00	.....	.....	16.03	.....	.....	15.40	11.35	47.80	.....	51.02	6.00	.....	.....
Bethany	92.50	.75	49.35	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	4.15	10.30	.....	20.00	.....	4.00	2.70
Bullock	150.00	56.65	80.00	11.28	10.00	.....	3.80	7.20	15.85	4.71	39.09	.....	.....	2.30
Corinth	280.00	.....	16.65	7.00	6.55	.....	5.00	17.88	18.75	.....	6.01	.....	1.00	.50
Creedmoor	200.00	.....	100.00	44.85	.....	.....	42.42	85.50	71.93	.....	75.60	5.40	5.00	6.25
Concord	150.00	.....	42.00	6.00	4.64	.....	3.65	.....	16.08	.....	10.90	.....	.....	.....
Dexter	150.00	.....	3.60	12.50	.....	.....	21.00	18.62	28.87	.....	8.85	.....	.....	2.87
Enon	280.00	.....	33.70	.....	.....	.....	70.30	65.67	126.17	.....	119.10	.....	21.75	8.10
Fellowship	150.00	14.00	.....	12.83	5.00	.....	12.50	6.55	8.69	.....	16.50	.....	.....	.....
Florence Avenue	400.00	380.00	60.00	30.00	.....	.....	24.58	63.49	109.10	3.65	50.00	25.00	4.35	6.81
Grassy Creek	300.00	42.00	5.65	12.00	26.00	5.00	22.40	36.30	49.90	.....	20.55	.....	.....	10.00
Hester's	260.00	.....	32.40	13.74	31.09	.....	23.26	21.85	30.80	11.86	46.43	2.50	1.50	8.15
Island Creek	275.00	17.00	31.88	10.00	18.05	.....	35.00	37.00	110.00	.....	25.00	23.00	.....	.....
Knott's Grove	200.00	2.40	35.66	15.56	9.95	.....	19.88	20.00	45.00	2.00	14.39	4.97	2.10	6.00
Knapp of Reeds	200.00	6.75	46.52	.....	.....	.....	24.00	17.90	19.00	.....	34.56	.....	10.00	12.50
Mary's Chapel	120.00	.....	.....	9.50	.....	.....	5.46	5.48	5.46	.....	8.28	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	300.00	123.35	.....	12.20	4.23	.....	31.98	24.93	61.09	.....	16.93	.....	.....	8.75
Slaughter Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171.37	.....	171.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Creek	300.00	11.00	80.20	.....	.....	.....	86.72	16.35	123.34	5.00	68.08	30.00	3.45	5.00
Mill Creek	300.00	30.65	25.00	10.00	19.25	.....	51.00	60.00	130.00	9.20	62.35	.....	25.00	10.00
Mt. Harmony	100.00	.....	.....	.....	7.70	.....	.....	3.23	3.23	.....	5.41	.....	3.50	.....
New Light														
Oxford	1,800.00	354.13	508.63	196.30	124.89	.....	435.00	346.50	599.49	11.28	474.08	38.00	53.25	53.06
Olive Grove	160.00	.....	3.85	8.01	.....	.....	9.03	3.50	10.85	.....	4.59	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.35	7.15	16.50	.....	3.06	.....	.....	.90
Peace Chapel	150.00	.....	.....	6.12	8.50	.....	2.00	2.11	6.00	.....	11.64	.....	2.06	3.00
Pleasant Grove	225.00	5.00	.....	10.00	8.10	.....	4.74	6.00	7.00	.....	12.36	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Creek	250.00	.....	20.34	5.75	.....	.....	24.00	32.00	58.25	4.35	12.36	.....	.....	.....
Providence	150.00	85.00	.....	16.66	.....	.....	13.75	4.00	4.00	9.75	29.00	.....	.....	.....
Rock Spring	250.00	50.00	12.00	10.00	9.00	.....	32.40	.....	25.66	4.00	19.00	.....	.....	5.30
State Line	150.00	.....	.....	5.00	50.00	.....	13.00	5.00	6.00	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.....
Stovall	300.00	5.00	33.60	6.00	10.60	.....	27.27	20.05	51.00	.....	15.00	6.00	.....	2.00
Sharon	125.00	.....	.....	16.83	4.57	.....	16.68	20.56	25.65	.....	20.95	1.41	5.55	5.20
Tally Ho	225.00	.....	5.71	18.94	17.74	.....	20.73	14.30	23.08	.....	28.37	.....	.....	.....
Tabb's Creek	125.00	97.00	6.00	10.00	.....	.....	5.70	5.10	14.65	.....	13.80	.....	.....	.....
West Oxford	200.00	320.71	38.11	34.00	29.50	.....	1.45	4.10	4.10	6.50	20.00	.....	.....	3.00
Totals, 1916	$9,257.50	$1,602.54	$1,300.51	$624.38	$409.86	$ 5.00	$1,375.96	$1,044.36	$2,127.72	$113.30	$1,405.84	$156.28	$155.47	$167.14
Totals, 1915	8,898.00	1,871.05	1,225.87	622.33	307.73	5.50	1,437.19	997.45	2,276.61	42.11	1,280.42	239.99	169.39	130.96

Special Committee

Committee to report at next session about buying Oxford College, appointed by Chair in compliance with resolution:

C. A. Upchurch
G. T. Lumpkin
J. A. Beam
J. W. Dean
Nat Jones
C. D. Ray
H. T. Shanks
T. G. Currin
R. S. Hart
A. D. Frazier
Jno. Montague
E. M. Hart
T. A. Royster
C. H. Piper
S. H. Usry,
Pervis Tilley
J. C. Howard
W. A. Devin

ONE HUNDRED *and* TWENTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION

Flat River Baptist Association

OLIVE BRANCH CHURCH

JULY 11-12, 1917

Moderator: C. D. RAY, Oxford, N. C.
Clerk: E. G. USRY, Oxford, N. C.
Treasurer: LEWIS CLARK, Virgilina, Va., R.F.D.

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NEXT SESSION MEETS WITH ~~FLORENCE AVENUE~~ CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY AFTER SECOND SUNDAY IN JULY, 1918

INTRODUCTORY SERMON BY REV. J. D. HARTE
OXFORD, N. C.

CONSTITUTION FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and coöperate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annuail meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association and, at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

ART. 7. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.—The Clerk of the preceding Association shall call the body to order at its next session. If the Clerk be absent then the Pastor of the church, at which the session is held, shall act as temporary chairman.

BY-LAWS

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitutino.

Delegates

Member of Board of Missions—R. H. Marsh.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—F. P. Hobgood.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—G. T. Tunstall, J. D. Harte and E. J. Green.

Executive Committee—G. T. Tunstall, J. D. Harte, H. T. Shanks, B. T. Dean, F. P. Hobgood.

Pastors and Their Post-Offices

*Bryant, Rev. H. G.	Creedmoor, N. C.
Currin, Rev. J. B.	Oxford, N. C.
*Davis, Rev. J. G.	Wake Forest, N. C.
*Davis, Rev. J. B.	Northside, N. C.
Harte, Rev. J. D.	Oxford, N. C.
*Martin, Rev. J. L.	Gorman, N. C.
*Peele, Rev. R. E.	Clarksville, Va.
Reaves, Rev. Jerry	Nelson, Va.
*Bass, Rev. J. H.	Roxboro, N. C.
Teague, Rev. J. U.	Louisburg, N. C.
Tunstall, Rev. G. T.	Oxford, N. C.
Upchurch, Rev. C. A.	Oxford, N. C.
Usry, Rev. E. G.	Oxford, N. C.
Walton, Rev. M. C.	Virgilina, Va.

Standing Committees for Next Session

Periodicals—G. T. Tunstall.
Orphanage—F. P. Hobgood.
Sunday Schools—P. W. Knott.
Education—D. G. Brummitt.
Missions—W. A. Devin.
Temperance—J. U. Teague.
Woman's Work—H. G. Bryant.
Obituaries—C. A. Upchurch.
Ministerial Relief—E. G. Usry.

Roll of Delegates

Amis Chapel—A. D. Frazier, W. L. Clark, P. T. Pittard.
Creedmoor—
Concord—W. H. Averett, James Cash, Elam Coley.
Dexter—Robert Critcher, E. J. Green.
Bethany—
Enon—P. W. Knott, Macon Hobgood, J. L. Daniel.
Fellowship—W. F. Byrd, J. H. Perry.

*Absent.

FLORENCE AVENUE—J. S. Pool, J. T. Torian, R. E. Amis.
GRASSY CREEK—Lea Noblin, Charlie Mrogan, Lea Yancey.
HESTER—Elvin Dean, Bennie M. Currin, Oscar Yancey.
ISLAND CREEK—P. B. Sneed, Baker Shotwell, H. T. Shanks.
KNAP OF REEDS—
KNOTT'S GROVE—
MARY'S CHAPEL—
MOUNT HARMONY—L. P. Sherman, W. B. Jones.
MOUNT ZION—E. D. Gooch, S. H. Jones, J. R. Daniel.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—R. T. Blackwell, J. S. Watkins.
NEW LIGHT—
BEULAH—
OLIVE BRANCH—E. D. Jones, C. P. Sanford, Lem Seat.
OXFORD—F. P. Hobgood, Dr. R. H. Marsh, Paul Daniel.
OLIVE GROVE—
PLEASANT GROVE—
TABB'S CREEK—M. W. Critcher, W. J. Brummitt.
PEACE CHAPEL—R. B. Hight, G. E. Dickerson.
STOVALL—R. G. Frazier.
SHARON—J. D. Elliot, W. A. Sherman, A. M. Denny.
STATE LINE—
TALLY HO—J. H. Bowling, J. E. Duncan, W. T. Currin.
POPLAR CREEK—G. W. Wright.
CORINTH—D. W. Eaks, E. B. Mangum, S. H. Usry.
BULLOCK—A. A. Campbell, G. W. Royster, H. H. Hicks.
WEST OXFORD—D. F. Lanier, W. H. Long, W. T. Byrd.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR SESSION OF 1918

WEDNESDAY

10:00 to 10:15 Organization.
10:15 to 10:45 Periodicals.
10:45 to 11:30 Orphanage.
11:30 to 12:30 Introductory Sermon.
12:30 to 2:00 Recess.
2:00 to 2.15 Miscellaneous.
2:15 to 3:00 Sunday Schools.
3:00 to 4:00 Education.
4:00 to 4:30 Ministerial Relief.

THURSDAY

9:00 to 9:20 Devotional Exercises.
9:20 to 9:50 Roll Call.
9:50 to 12:00 Missions.
12:00 to 12:30 Digest of Church Letters.
12:30 to 2:00 Recess.
2:00 to 2:15 Miscellaneous.
2:15 to 3:00 Woman's Work.
3:00 to 3:30 Temperance.
3:30 to 3:45 Family Worship.
3:45 to 4:00 Ministerial Relief.
4:00 to 4:15 Obituaries.

Press of
OXFORD ORPHANAGE
Oxford, N. C.

Proceedings

The Flat River Baptist Association met in its 124th annual session with Olive Branch Church, Wednesday, July 11, 1917, at 10 o'clock. The body was called to order by Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford. Paul Daniel was appointed temporary Clerk.

The Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for C. D. Ray for Moderator. The Clerk was also instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for E. G. Usry for permanent Clerk and also to cast the ballot for W. L. Clark for Treasurer.

New pastors and visitors recognized and welcomed. —Rev. J. D. Harte, Oxford; Rev. C. T. Plyborn, Roxboro; Dr. R. T. Vann, Raleigh; Rev. C. J. Thompson, Raleigh; Rev. E. L. Middleton, Raleigh; Rev. J. U. Teague, Rev. G. T. Tunstall, Dr. Branson, Chapel Hill; Rev. J. M. Hester, Roxboro; Dr. Pearson, Wake Forest College; Rev. Mr. Giles a minister of the Methodist Church also recognized and welcomed.

Report on Periodicals

The Committee on Periodicals not being present, W. A. Devin appointed to prepare the report.

Discussed by C. J. Thompson, A. Johnson, F. P. Hobgood.

Short address of welcome to delegates, pastors and visitors was delivered by the pastor of entertaining church.

Report on Orphanage

Reports of the year's work just closed at the Thomasville Orphanage should be a cause of joy and a source of inspiration for greater accomplishments in the future, to every North Carolina Baptist.

The past year was the best in all the history of the institution. More children were cared for under favorable circumstances than in any previous year. Not a single death occurred and there was very little serious illness.

The reports from the several industrial departments show that good records have been made. Although some of these de-

partments have had to meet larger expense accounts than formerly, they have practiced the most rigid economy and have come through the year successfully.

The Orphanage also had its best year financially, its total income amounting to $113,324.75. This financial success was due partly to the efficient management of the industrial departments of the institution. A more significant cause, however, was the large voluntary contributions made by the Sunday Schools and Churches in the State, which reached the sum of $64,800.36, or more than $10,000 above that of the previous year. The gift of one day's income Thanksgiving was made by a large number of Baptists and was the means of putting the Orphanage out of debt. This practice is to be commended and it is earnestly hoped that it will grow until observed by every Baptist within the bounds of this Association and the entire State.

The fact that the Orphanage has lived another year under excellent conditions, is, however, no reason for us as a denomination or as individuals, to relax our efforts in the least, but rather, being inspired by the success of the past, we should push forward to greater things in the future.

A glance at the increasing needs of the Orphanage affords us a clearer view of the immensity of our task. In the first place, there is the phenomenal increase in the cost of maintenance *per capita* from $9.09 year before last to $10.50 last year. When we consider in connection with this, that the number of children cared for (505 at present), increases from year to year, and that more distressing appeals are being received now than ever before, we see that there must be a corresponding increase in our contributions.

Besides these ever present needs, there are other demands made upon us for various improvements of the plant which must be made from time to time in order that the children may be given the best accommodations possible and that the Orphanage life may be made most attractive.

Special attention should be given to the task of improving and developing the Kennedy Home. This property is doubtless a valuable asset to the Orphanaae. Fifty-seven children are now living there and their health during the past year has proved that the location is an ideal one. The value of the farm is shown by the large income which it produces. And now if it is to be made the strong arm of the institution at Thomasville that it should be, it must have the liberal support of the Baptists of North Carolina and we in this Association must do our part.

Thus we see that there is need for our most liberal support to the Orphanage; that our task is no small one; but let us be equal to the occasion and increase our support from year to year,

and in this way aid in carrying on what is one of the greatest enterprises in which our denomination invests.

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. DANIEL.

Discussed by author and Archibald Johnson.

Adopted.

Instead of the annual sermon Doctor Branson of Chapel Hill delivered before the association a splendid address on "The Country Church."

Motion of Doctor Marsh that thanks of the association be extended Doctor Branson for most excellent address. Dismissed for dinner by Dr. R. T. Vann.

Dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

W. N. Critcher reported $69.65 for sale of old tent. Motion of Doctor Marsh that a vote of thanks be extended Brother Critcher for same, and also authorizing Brother Critcher to use the money for missions as he sees best.

Motion carried.

Doctor Marsh presented association with complete file of minutes.

Motion by Professor Hobgood that Doctor Marsh be requested to write history of the association.

Motion carried.

Motion by W. A. Devin that the Treasurer be instructed to pay Oxford Orphan Asylum $10.00, balance due on minutes for 1916; J. C. Howard $1.80, for mailing and 70 cents for mailing 1917 blanks.

Motion carried.

Motion to have in financial table ministerial education and schools and colleges in same column.

Motion carried.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Discussed by E. L. Middleton.

Adopted.

DIGEST OF LETTERS	1917	1916
Number of churches	33	36
Number of members	5,826	6,325
Number baptised	226	384
Number died	59	50
Number of Sunday Schools	33	41
Number schools open all year	31	28
Number scholars in Sunday Schools	3,416	4,030
Number officers and teachers	282	279
Sunday School expenses	$ 369.31	$ 494.11
From all sources	23,212.34	21,042.42
Per capita average	3.98	5.22
Pastor's average salary per church	262.11	257.15

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Your committee believes there can be no greater theme to claim the attention of the association than that of education and we report with pride the fact that more of our people are seeing and availing themselves of its advantage than ever before. Parents who in childhood were denied the blessed privilege realize their misfortune and also realize that their children will be more handicapped in taking their place in life than they themselves have been. Perhaps never before has educational advantages been within such easy reach of all.

The time when education was available only to the children of the wealthy (if there ever was such a time) has passed. In this enlightened age—a time when a free high school is within easy reach of all ignorance is a voluntary misfortune, for now all who will may drink freely at the fountain of knowledge.

Since intellectual attainments are so precious and wisdom so grand in its achievements, he who neglects to improve his mental faculties is not walking in those paths which under God's guidance secure greatest usefulness, happiness and content. This can be done by all since education is within reach of all, even those in most limited circumstances. It has been wisely ordained that light should have no color, water no taste, air no odor, so knowledge should be equally pure and without admixture.

Error is more hopeless than ignorance. For ignorance is a blank sheet on which truth may be written, but error is one on which false opinions are already written. Therefore, we urge our Baptist people to patronise our Baptist schools.

The Baptist denomination owns three colleges and fourteen high schools in North Carolina, and also help support the Seminary and Woman's Training School in Louisville, Ky. All the evangeli-

cal denominations have recently emphasized the need of maintaining the denominational schools, and are making great efforts to raise money for this purpose. Our missionaries on the foreign field are also clamoring for more schools, both on their own fields and among our home people, not only for training missionaries, but for enlightening and enlisting the great mass of our people at home. The Baptist State Convention at its recent session requested all our churches to take regular collections for Christian education as they do for other missions. Since Christian education lies at the foundation of all mission work and they ask that our churches endeavor to raise two-fifths as much for Christian education as they do for State missions.

We recommend that the association endorse the convention's plan and by apportionment or otherwise take means to have the churches assume the two-fifths proportion in their contributions for education.

The president, faculty, moral, intellectual and physical forces of the Oxford College are too well known and too highly appreciated in the Flat River Association to need any word of commendation in this report. Of course we will all stand by Oxford College.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. USRY,
Committee.

Discussed by author, Dr. R. T. Vann, Doctor Pearson, Rev. J. D. Harte, Dr. R. H. Marsh.

Adopted.

REPORT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

In this solemn hour, when freedom is locked in a death struggle with the powers of darkness, in this day of strife and turmoil, wreck and ruin, crime and desolation, when the powers of democracy grip the powers of autocracy in an earnest effort to make this world a safe, sane and happy land to dwell upon, there is heard the mighty voice of one crying as in the wilderness "Enlist, your country needs you." Though this call is directed to the youth of the land, it is, nevertheless, in a great measure a call to each one of you—for to keep the claims of Christ vividly before the people requires of you steady fighting and concentrated effort.

In the humble opinion of your committee, there has never been a more glorious opportunity for Sunday School work than the present day affords. Long ago, men and women interested in the development of the Christian life have admitted that, apart from the great missionary force, the Sunday Schools take the leading

role in the appealing work of Christian Crusaders. Time was, as you all probably know, when this great lively institution was peered upon as a playhouse for the entertainment of children. But time has wrought many wonderful changes and it has come to pass that the Sunday School of to-day is considered a distinct and vital part of the church work and worship and the man or woman who does not participate in its exercises is regarded derelict of his or her duty. Separated from one's obligation to attend Sunday School is the grim necessity of going in order that he may study the Divine Truth. Lamentable as it may be, truth is that the vast majority of our own consecrated and devout Christian people have come to the very sad point where they no longer lay proper and adequate emphasis on Bible study in the homes, around the firesides. I do not hesitate to hazard the assertion, I might just as well say make the assertion, that in the town of Oxford where I live on Sunday afternoons not more than fifty men nor women either, for that matter, open their Bibles, and I suppose that this statement would hold good in most all the other towns, especially where the inhabitants are so unfortunate as to get the Sunday State paper. Far be it from me to denounce as your committee the reading of current topics contained in the papers on Sunday afternoons; but only to condemn their reading to the total exclusion of the Bible and sacred periodicais. Should we not here in the presence of these Godly people pledge ourselves to do our bit to exterminate this demoralizing practice, and, having made the pledge, keep it to the end? Only in so far as we personally study His word will we receive His blessings and understand His teachings. Careful study will reveal to us His blessed truths and unfold to us His manifold promises. To know Him better is to love Him better and I am sure that in no other phase of Christion endeavor is there better opportunity of learning about His wonderful works and beautiful life than by the regular and thoughtful study each week of the Sunday School lessons.

It gives your committee, as it undoubtedly will each one of you, supreme pleasure to state to you that encouraging reports are coming in nearly every day concerning the great work which is being done by our Baptist Sunday Schools. Our Baptist literature is attractive and highly instructive. Large emphasis is being laid on the moral training of our teachers with a notable result. Truly we are beginning to enter the promised land of Sunday School possibilities. The progress made by some of the classes in various schools almost staggers the imagination—it has been so great. Every year shows splendid increase in number and service on the part of our own Sunday Schools and those of the other

Associations. Let us pray and work that this glorious cause may go forward, and, as our ranks are thinned by the absence of those who must leave for foreign soil to fight under the stars and stripes, that we back here may live on in the enjoyment of peace and happiness, let us with unceasing hearts and mounted hopes pursue the Sunday School work to a triumphant victory.

That man veritably spoke the truth when he said that the "Sunday Shool is the church at work in the study of the truth." I wish to lay particular stress upon the very true fact that, the future progress of the churches of this great association will be, as will all other churches, in the ratio as we systematically, thoroughly and consecratedly engage in the study of His word and in the teaching of young and old the way of eternal life in and through the Sunday Schools.

This work is of monumental importance and to discount its foremost place on the calendar of Christian work would be unbecoming to the man of God.

F. W. HANCOCK, JR.,
Committee.

Discussed by E. L. Middleton.
Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We stand in the early dawn of the day of ministerial relief. The night with its beams of light from a few scattered stars, penetrating what would otherwise be intense darkness, is passing away. The glowing sun promises soon to rise.

The fact that very little is being done along this line can be seen from the following statements. The average member in the Flat River Association in the year 1916 gave slightly more than two and a half cents to this object. There were 14 churches in the association that gave nothing at all. There were 12 entire associations in the State that gave not one cent.

If you are in doubt as to whether these brethren need aid or not study the following figures. But it must be born in mind that these figures are of recent date and are therefore larger than they would have been when these veterans were in service. The average church in the association in 1916 (with the exception of the Oxford Church) paid its pastor about ($200.00) two hundred dollars. Dr. V. I. Masters of Atlanta states that it was found in 1906 that our pastors in the South outside of cities of more than 25,000 receive an average salary of ($473) four hundred seventy-three dollars. He further states that the Home Mission Board in 1913 made a survey of 5,400 once-a-month churches which

showed an average among these of ($378) three hundred seventy-eight dollars for each four churches. When it is born in mind that these salaries would seem large compared with those our old brethren received it is obvious that they could not provide for old age.

We are glad to be able to quote the following from a recent issue of the *Biblical Recorder:* "Southern Baptists have entered as a convention the new field of ministerial relief, and the near future will see hundreds, if not thousands, of worn-out veterans of the cross receiving a modest pension. A committee of nine will report on it next year. The Sunday School Board has put aside $100,000 for this purpose, and there is talk of setting the immediate goal at $4,000,000. At all events, no little thing will be undertaken."

It is to be hoped that the sun that is now rising will not be eclipsed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE B. CURRIN,

Committee.

Discussed by author.

Adopted.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotional exercises conducted by P. S. Daniel.

Committee appointed on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting: F. P. Hobgood, H. T. Shanks, J. H. Perry.

Chair also appointed following Committee on Order of Business for next session: W. A. Devin, E. G. Usry, C. A. Upchurch.

Motion by J. D. Harte that Clerk be instructed to have printed usual number of minutes and be paid $25.00 for his service.

Carried.

Pastor M. C. Walton requested the association to join in special prayer. Bro. John Haskins the oldest member of Olive Branch Church whose physical condition is very serious, also for Bro. Vass Jones who has serious sickness in his family. The prayer was led by W. N. Johnson.

Roll call of delegates and pastors showed that eight pastors and fifty-seven delegates were in attendance.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

This report will not be burdened with statistics on our Missionary enterprise. The reader is referred to the statistical tables of our association and to those of the Baptist Convention for these. In such times as are now upon us, the need seems to be a fresh call to prayer for the task laid upon our brethren and sisters in the Master's work. Despite all the unrest, uncertainty and agitation in the world about us, it is heartening for us to know that the Mission work at home and abroad has had larger gifts of money than before the war was upon us. More money was given by North Carolina Baptists, and the Baptists of the South than ever before in the history of our Convention. A larger number of conversions at home and abroad than before is reported. We would expect that the gifts to Foreign Missions by Canada and England would have been greatly reduced during the past three war-years. On the contrary the records show that these Christian nations, in carrying the fearful load of war expenses, have, in addition, increased their gifts to Missions. And it may be that as we Baptists, along with other loyal Americans, are talking in terms of millions and even billions in the work of conquering the enemies of our country—may learn to talk in large terms when we plan for war on sin, the enemy of all the nations of the earth. Our hearts are touched and enlarged by the appeals for the starving and helpless across the seas, and these appeals are being met by such a generous outburst of help as the world has never seen before. We are not to forget that the millions of earth are starving for the "Bread of Life," for that true bread that came from heaven, and they long for the grace of God that brings salvation to appear unto them. And as we have learned how blessed it is to give our money to the Red Cross that the poor bodies of men may be healed and blessed, the Christian sees deeper than the physical body. He sees that the Cross of Christ, from which the Red Cross learned its lessons, is the remedy for all the sorrows of men's souls. Along with the Red Cross physician should go the preacher of the gospel to tell the people of the Great Physician who is mighty to save.

This report, then, calls upon our people in their homes and churches to call upon the Lord unceasingly for His strength and wisdom to meet and faithfully bear the burdens of the new world that is to be after the war. In that day we shall be tested. Who can contemplate such a time without the prayer of the disciples? "Lord increase our faith." It looks like the war will open the

gates of the world to the gospel message. Russia will be now the greatest mission field, China not excepted. Constitutional government, separation of church and state, religious liberty and personal regenerations, that a. b. c's of our Baptist faith are going to have their opportunity, for the first time, in these nations, purified in the furnace of war. And how will all this affect our land? The immigrants are coming—a different class to those we usually speak of as a menace to our land. Countless homes have been broken up, never to be reunited on earth. To escape the scenes of horror, to escape also the burden of war taxation in European countries, to get away from it all, the young men of these countries are coming to our country to begin life all over again. Our home land will within the next few years become a Foreign Mission field. Then will there be no State, Home, and Foreign Mission fields in fact. These people to whom these agencies minister will coalese. Missions then will be one.

In view of these hints on the present situation—what then? We need a re-dedication of our all to our adorable Lord and Master. Our time, our money, ourselves and our children. He needs our best, our all. So, also, we need to stay close to God in our prayer life. Who is sufficient unto these things? How weak and helpless without His power and grace. But in our weakness we should not forget that it is His work, that He loves it more than we can love it and that He has promised to be with us unto the end. Let us then pray fervently, importunately, in faith, that that glorious promised day may be hastened when the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of His Son.

J. D. HARTE.

Discussed by author and W. N. Johnson.

Adopted.

Dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting was opened with prayer by T. H. Street.

Motion by Doctor Marsh that speeches be limited to five and three minutes.

Carried.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting recommended Florence Avenue the place, Wednesday after second Sunday in July, 1918, the time, and Rev. J. D. Harte the preacher of annual sermon.

Adopted.

Motion by J. D. Harte that expression of thanks be extended the members of Olive Branch Church for the kind hospitality shown us during the session.

Carried.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The great strides with which prohibition is sweeping Europe and America to-day, and the strong sentiment that is daily growing for National Prohibition in our land, especially for "War Prohibition," is one of the bright stars of hope in this dark cloud of world war. If we could only see the great army of men who are victims each year to this awful enemy mobolized; if we could feel the pangs of hunger and suffering of the families of these unfortunate homes; if we could realize the sorrow and anxiety of the mother and wife and child of those who drink, and if we could know something of the struggles and yearnings of these men themselves who are in the grip of this deadly habit, we would mobolize the great Army of God, and under the command of our Captain we would drive this enemy from every foot of soil in America.

It is true that we need prohibition to preserve our food supplies at this crisis, but the deeper need is that we may save our men in the tent and camp and home. We need not only to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor by law, but we need to create such a sentiment against the violation of this law that liquor cannot be obtained in our State. Our State laws are now very stringent, and we only need a sentiment sufficiently strong to have these laws enforced to the letter. Let us support for office those men who are of such high moral character that they will not "smile at wickedness in high places," but will bring all offenders before the law. Then, and not until then, will prohibition prohibit.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. TUNSTALL.

Discussed by G. T. Tunstall, M. C. Walton, J. S. Pool, J. A. Beam.

Adopted.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

With only a very few exceptions the W. M. U. has, since its organization, gone steadily forward. Instead of the little band of women who began the work 30 years ago, there is now a great host of workers 25,600 strong—loving and mighty in God's service. Instead

of the $1,000 contributed that first year, we now give $59,000. Year after year higher aims have been set and reached. Surely, the hand of the Lord is upon His people to bless them, and to prosper the works of their hands because they delight to do His bidding.

Grateful for the success of the past, but not content with its achievements let us face the future.

According to the annual reports of the Associational Superintendents there are 837 churches in associations where a W. M. U. has been organized which have no missionary societies. The same reports show that there are 101,000 Baptist Women unenlisted in the work of missions as carried on by the Union. Thousands of young people are every day taking up the duties of men or women untrained in mission thought or activity.

Our own people are waiting to be taught, missionaries are waiting to be sent, the world is waiting to receive the light. These facts are challenging us as we face the new year. Shall we not accept the challenge?

WHAT OUR SISTERS GAVE

It is a most remarkable showing that our sisters make in the gifts of their various societies for the various mission objects for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1917. The financial report presented at the annual meeting in Greensboro shows that the societies composing the Woman's Missionary Union of the State made the following total gifts for the year:

Woman's Missionary Societies	$39,435.59
Young Woman's Auxiliaries	6,087.15
Sunbeams	4,767.23
Royal Ambassadors	559.82

These gifts were distributed to the following objects:

Foreign Missions	$19,146.49
Home Missions	13,283.52
State Missions	12,691.79
Louisville Training School	4,628.59
Sunday School Board	250.45
Margaret Educational Fund	82.53
Expense Fund	766.42
Foreign Mission Debt	3,897.59
Judson Centennial and Church Building Loan Fund	4,984.39
Grand Total	$59,731.77

The Eastern and Mt. Zion Associations made nine points on the Standard of Excellence; the Chowan, Flat River, Johnston County, Neuse-Atlantic, Roanoke, Robeson, South Fork, South Yadkin and Tar River made eight, and a number made seven points.

Thirty-three associations made a ten per cent. increase in contributions, and practically every one of the associations made an increase over the gifts of 1915-'16. The Central led with a contribution of $3,953.75, the West Chowan came next with $3,-941.75. The Flat River and the Tar River Associations reported the largest number of new societies, the number being twenty-two and sixteen respectively. Johnston County reported fourteen and the Carolina, Central, Raleigh and Sandy Run each reported nine.

As we recall the gratifying facts of the year's work, we would not forget that we owe them largely to the faithful and effective labors of our forty-eight Associational Superintendents. Quarter by quarter they have written letters to their societies, sent report blanks to them and reported to the Executive Committee. They have planned and conducted associational meetings, and compiled statistics which we could not have obtained without their aid. A summary of their annual report shows that they have written 7,061 letters and postals during the year and traveled 7,392 miles in the interest of missions.

M. C. WALTON,
Committee.

Discussed by author.
Adopted.

FAMILY WORSHIP

The committee to report on this subject was absent but the subject was ably discussed by M. C. Walton.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I, your Treasurer, beg leave to submit the following amounts received:

Minute Fund	$58.75
Associational Mission	1.00
State Mission	20.00
Home Mission	12.00
Foreign Mission	10.00
Sunday School Mission	3.75
Ministerial Education	10.50
Orphanage	25.00
Christian Education	1.00
Ministerial Relief	1.00
Text Fund	69.65

Adopted.

Received from W. N. Critcher on money secured by sale of tent $69.65 to be divided according to order of the association, to-wit:

Purchase iron box for records of association	$ 2.50
Oxford Orphan Asylum for printing minutes for 1916	10.00
Foreign Missions	28.58
State Missions	14.29
Home Missions	14.28
Total	$69.65

W. N. CRITCHER,
Committee.

Resolved, (1), That the delegates to the association be requested to urge upon their church the adoption of the every member canvass for contributions to church expenses and all benevolent objects of the Baptist State Convention, the Orphanage, Missions and Education.

(2), That we recommend for their adoption what is known as the budget system, that is, to determine in the beginning the sum requested for church expenses and that the church will agree to undertake to raise for benevolence.

WHEREAS, It is deemed a matter of great importance in locating pastors and developing the efficieniy of the churches, that the duties of the Executive Committee be enlarged and defined;

Therefore, be it resolved, That the number be increased to five, and that the Executive Committee be charged with the duty of securing as much contributions from the State Board and our own churches and make appropriatons and recommendations in the way of supplementing the salaries of pastors as may be thought wise and necessary.

R. H. MARSH.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Realizing that one of its most powerful influences for the upbuilding of the Lord's Kingdom and for the maintenance of denominational standards and ideals is desired from the circulation of proper religious literature, it is deemed important by the Flat River Association that the *Biblical Recorder* be accorded loyal and undivided support both by the organization and by the churches and individual members. This paper ably edited, well printed and filled with inspiration, educational and entertaining matter pertaining to every department of our denominational accounts comes with a mission to the Baptists of North Carolina and should be in every Baptist home. If the publication should be carefully read and found in each Baptist home each week, the cause of our Mas-

ter could receive wonderful impetus and therefore your committee recommends that each pastor keep this matter before his congregations and continually urge his people toward this desired end. Zeal must wait upon knowledge, and much religious knowledge can be gained in no other way than studying the pages of the *Recorder*.

Your committee also recommends *Charity and Children*, the bright and valuable paper published by our Baptist Orphanage. Taking it for distribution in its Sunday School will be found helpful.

Your committee further recommends that our missionary organ the *Home and Foreign Field* should go into every Baptist home, in order that our interest in these wider fields may feed on desire to help in the spread of its gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

With these publications read in our homes by the children, the foundations for future growth will be laid strong and sure.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. DAVIS.

On motion of Rev. J. D. Harte the following was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

That the sincere and unfeigned thanks of the association is hereby expressed for the gracious and bountiful hospitality extended to us by the Olive Branch Church and community.

Motion by Doctor Marsh to adjourn to meet at Florence Avenue on Wednesday after second Sunday in July, 1918.

Carried.

C. D. RAY,
Moderator.

E. G. USRY,
Clerk.

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DELEGATES

Member of Board of Missions—R. H. Marsh.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—F. P. Hobgood.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—G. T. Tunstall, J. D. Harte and E. J. Green.

Executive Committee—G. T. Tunstall, J. D. Harte, H. T. Shanks, B. F. Dean, F. P. Hobgood.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES

Rev. J. U. TEAGUE ---------- R. 5, Louisburg, N. C.
Rev. M. C. WALTON ---------- Virgilina, Va.
*Rev. D. E. DEATON ---------- Henderson, N. C.
Rev. J. B. CURRIN ---------- Oxford, N. C.
*Rev. Jere Reeves ---------- Nelson, Va.
*Rev. R. E. PEELE ---------- Clarksville, Va.
Rev. H. G. BRYANT ---------- Creedmoor, N. C.
Rev. S. L. MORGAN ---------- Henderson, N. C.
Rev. G. T. TUNSTALL ---------- Oxford, N. C.
Rev. E. G. USRY ---------- Oxford, N. C.
*Rev. J. L. MARTIN ---------- Gorman, N. C.
Rev. R. H. MARSH ---------- Oxford, N. C.
Rev. C. A. UPCHURCH ---------- Oxford, N. C.
*Rev. J. H. BASS ---------- Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. J. D. HARTE ---------- Oxford, N. C.

*Absent

STANDING COMMITTEES

MISSIONS.—W. A. Devin.
EDUCATION.—A. T. Knott.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—L. B. McFarland.
FAMILY WORSHIP.—B. F. Dean.
PERIODICALS.—M. C. Walton.
OLD MINISTERS.—B. W. Parham.
WOMAN'S WORK.—C. A. Upchurch.
TEMPERANCE.—J. D. Harte.
ORPHANAGE.—E. T. Cottrell.

DELEGATES PRESENT

SHARON.—W. R. Sherman, L. B. McFarland, J. B. Elliott.
WEST OXFORD.—E. G. Usry.
AMIS CHAPEL.—S. A. Pool, C. W. Sneed.
POPLAR CREEK.—G. W. Wright, J. U. Fleming, P. E. Wilkinson.
PEACE CHAPEL.—H. A. Hight, J. T. Newton, W. S. West.
OLIVE BRANCH.—
DEXTER.—S. A. Green.

MOUNT HARMONY.—J. L. Moore.
STATE LINE.—
ROCK SPRING.—E. J. Knott, J. T. Moody, A. H. Moore.
GRASSY CREEK.—C. H. Morgan, W. A. Boyd.
TABB'S CREEK.—W. N. Critcher, M. F. Adcock.
FELLOWSHIP.—
ENON.—T. S. Averette, A. W. Cannady.
BULLOCK.—R. A. Norwood, T. A. Royster.
TALLY HO.—C. H. Washington, W. J. Royster, W. T. Currin.
FLORENCE AVENUE.—J. S. Poole, R. E. Amis.
BETHANY.—J. T. Newton, J. A. Malone, Henry Clayton.
OLIVE GROVE.—W. B. Connelly.
ISLAND CREEK.—C. C. O'Brian, W. C. Campbell.
PLEASANT GROVE.—S. H. Mize, S. J. Rogers,
OXFORD.—D. G. Brummitt, J. M. Fagan, Dr. R. H. Marsh.
MOUNTAIN CREEK.—H. A. Hart.
BEULAH.—J. T. Averette, J. N. Watkins, W. L. Currin.
KNAP OF REEDS.—S. W. Waller, Amed Tilley, S. F. Bullock.
MARY'S CHAPEL.—W. E. Loyd, J. A. Cash, A. J. Wilson.
CREEDMOOR.—C. V. Garner, E. T. Cottrell, E. K. Morris.
KNOTT'S GROVE.—S. W. Knott, J. W. Dean.
CONCORD.—
STOVALL—C. C. Currin, R. H. O'Brian, J. M. Grissom.
CORINTH.—G. N. Daniel, S. H. Usry, J. A. Overton.
HESTERS.—J. C. Hobgood, B. F. Dean, W. P. Hobgood.
MOUNT ZION.—J. S. Jones, Dr. E. B. Meadows.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR SESSION OF 1919

WEDNESDAY MORNING

10:00 to 10:30 Organization and Enrollment of Delegates.
10:30 to 11:30 Periodicals.
11:30 to 12:30 Orphanage.

AFTERNOON

12:30 to 2:00 Recess.
2:00 to 2:15 Miscellaneous.
2:15 to 3:00 Sunday Schools.
3:00 to 4:00 Education.
4:00 to 4:30 Ministerial Relief.

EVENING

Introductory Services.

THURSDAY—MORNING

9:00 to 9:20 Devotional Exercises.
9:20 to 9:50 Roll Call.

9:50 to 12:00 Missions.
12:00 to 1:00 Woman's Work.

AFTERNOON

1:00 to 2:30 Recess.
2:30 to 2:45 Miscellaneous
2:45 to 3:15 Temperance
3:15 to 3:30 Family Worship.
3:30 to 4:00 Digest of Church Letters.
4:00 to 4:15 Obituaries.

Proceedings

The Flat River Baptist Association met in its 125th annual session with Oxford Baptist church on Wednesday, July 15, 1918, at 10 o'clock. The body was called to order by the former Clerk, E. G. Usry.

The Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot of the association for Dr. E. B. Meadows, of Mount Zion church, for Moderator. Prof. F. P. Hobgood was instructed to cast the ballot of the association for E. G. Usry for Clerk. The Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot of the association for J. C. Howard for Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed; E. L. Middleton, of Sunday School Board; M. L. Kesler, Superintendent of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage; L. Johnson, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and W. R. Cullom, of the Board of Education.

Motion by Professor Hobgood that Rev. J. D. Harte be appointed a committee to arrange for night service. Motion carried.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Thomasville Orphanage

We are glad to report the last year as on the whole the most successful in the history of the Orphanage.

The attendance was a little in excess of that of last year, having reached the grand number of 497—51 of these at the Kennedy Home. In all this number there was not a serious case of sickness, nor a single death by accident. This speaks volumes for the health administration of the Institution.

The concert fund exceeded that of any other year by nearly $1,800—this in spite of war conditions and the many demands on our people by the government for funds, for prosecuting our holy war. But the increase was needed to maintain the Institution and to pay off some indebtedness incurred in past years in erecting buildings. At the late meeting of the Board of Trustees the General Manager made a gratifying announcement that we were free from the pressure of debt.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

The repairs and additions to our school buildings were completed during the year. These give us ample and much needed accom-

modation for successful carrying on the work of education.

The chapel at the Kennedy Home that is to be used temporarily for religious and school purposes is nearing completion. The Hardee Building erected by Mrs. Kennedy as a memorial of her father, mother and sister was completed the day she passed to the Heavenly Land. This building is to be used for dormitories. Plans are making for the enlargement of the Miles-Durham Nursery.

The Kennedy Home since our last meeting was placed in charge of Rev. T. B. Davis, succeeding Rev. Geo. L. Merrell. Brother Davis seems fitted for the work and is having a successful administration. The farm there has been very remunerative and will year after year under proper cultivation yield a larger revenue.

BEQUESTS

The following bequests have come in during the year:

Mr. W. C. Coffey, of Boone, $500.00 in Liberty bonds.

Mrs. Sarah Smith, of Iredell, giving $200.00.

Miss Sarah E. Rundlett, of Washington, $100.00.

Rev. W. C. Meadows, in cash, $1,375.00.

Rev. W. C. Meadows, stock of the Cade Mfg. Co., $500.00

Mr. C. E. Wilkins, of Goldsboro, gave a playground outfit.

Mrs. Kennedy left us in her will subject to use by her husband during his lifetime a splendid Cadillac automobile that cost around $2,700.00 and a beautiful boat at Morehead City. Mr. Kennedy desires to carry out her wishes at once. These are in the hands of a committee to be sold.

OBITUARY

During the year the Board lost two of its most useful members, Bros. J. C. Scarboro and John E. Ray. These served the Orphanage faithfully for many years. The former was of the committee to locate the Orphanage, was a member of the visiting committee appointed by the Orphanage Association to conduct the Institution, and became a member of the Board of Trustees on its organization and never missed a meeting of the body till his last sickness. The Board was greatly helped by the wise council and sweet spirit of the saintly Ray.

We take notice also of the passing of our noble benefactress, Mrs. Kennedy, who denied the blessing of children herself, yet took other people's children to her warm, loving heart.

Our matron, Mrs. Huetle, who for 14 years with loving hands cared for the children, heard the praise from the Master's own lips, "she hath done what she could."

NEW MEMBERS OF BOARD

Mr. John Schenck, of Lawndale, succeeds J. C. Scarboro.

W. A. Cooper, of Raleigh, succeeds John E. Ray.

Frank Shields, of Scotland Neck, succeeds Rev. R. A. McFarland, who, to the regret of all, has removed to Virginia.

Mr. C. C. Wright, of Wilkes, succeeded R. A. Spainhour, resigned because of bodily infirmities.

These are all splendid appointments, and the Board feels greatly strengthened by the additions.

THE FUTURE

We are looking forward with hope and serene confidence that our Heavenly Father will continue to raise up friends who will never allow this His own Institution to suffer in any way.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

Discussed by M. L. Kesler. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The Committee on Periodicals made the following report:

This committee understands the purpose of the organized church to be the advancement of the Kingdom of God on the earth. The great principles of the Christian religion are fixed, unchangeable and eternal. The methods of application of those principles are manifold and ever changing. The problem of the church, as we understand it, is to apply the fixed principles of Christianity to a constantly moving and changing world. The methods of application must and will change as rapidly as the times and conditions change, but the principles will and must remain ever fixed and immutable.

In our efforts to hold fast to the principles of the Christian religion and to apply them to the needs of the world, the power of the Christian press cannot be overestimated. Indeed the world has reached the point at which nothing of importance is undertaken without invoking the aid of the press. If we shall succeed as a denomination and a force in the Kingdom of the Master we must have

(a) Intelligent action.
(b) Efficient action.
(c) Unified action.
(d) Spiritually forceful action.

The Christian publications constitute our intelligence bureau. They are our signal corps. The Christian editor is all in one our observer on sea, on land, and in the air. He is our courier

bringing us word from other parts of the battle front, giving us hope, inspiration and cheer. Through him and his columns, we touch hands with our brother on a distant mission, and our hearts beat in unison with Christian soldiers throughout the earth. Without him we fight without eyes, without intelligence, without inspiration and almost without hope. We have no vision.

The *Biblical Recorder* and *Charity and Children* should be in every Baptist home. The other Baptist publications should also be there, but the two named are indespensable. They are the communiques from God's firing line.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. PARHAM.

for the Committee.

Discussed by author and L. Johnson. Adopted.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Announcement by Rev. J. D. Harte that introductory sermon would be preached at night; and also that there would be at the time an address on education by Dr. Cullum.

J. W. Dean, S. W. Waller, and W. A. Devin appointed Committee on Time and Place for meeting of next association.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

As we meet this year in this association, the dark clouds of war are hovering closely over us all, and never before possibly in the history of this association has there been a time when the minds and hearts of men are more prayerful and fixed on the things of the Spirit. There was never a time when it was more important to make greater efforts to strengthen our Christian life and become more diligent workers in our Master's vineyard. In no way can this be more effectively accomplished than through our Sunday schools.

We are pleased to report a greater interest in the study of God's Word and this manifests itself largely in the Sunday schools. We are also pleased to report that our churches are finding the true relationship between the church and the Sunday school and better and more adequate equipment is being planned for the schools. We have every reason to feel encouraged at the improvements being made along this line.

It is also encouraging to note the additions being made to the church membership from the Sunday schools. Yet we are

led to believe that we have not caught the vision of the great opportunity the Sunday-school work offers of strengthening and advancing the cause of our Master, for of a truth the fields are white unto the harvest.

In this report we shall not dwell upon what has been done, but rather turn our thoughts to what can and must be done, before we can approach the ideal which should be the goal of every earnest Christian.

We offer the following suggestions:

First. We should have a more thorough and efficient organization in school and class. We can conceive of no better way to stimulate interest than by organized class work under the leadership of consecrated men and women, who are willing and ready to render a real service to our Lord and Master.

Second. Higher efficiency should be obtained by enlisting the membership of churches in an effort to become Christian leaders, for the laity of our churches must be brought to realize the responsibility of carrying on and increasing the efficiency of this work is their God-given task. Throught the Sunday school we can train our young people to become more zealous workers in the church and through the organized church the great message of salvation will be sent to the ends of the earth.

Third. The inauguration of the teachers' meeting will be helpful in bringing our schools to a higher state of usefulness and service. Upon the teachers, perhaps, as upon no other force depends the success of the Sunday-school work. They must think and study in advance of their class and bring out the great truths contained in God's Word and by each school having at stated intervals meetings of the teachers, ideas can be exchanged and a great interest created. Also in this way, our school work will become standardized.

Fourth. In all this work we should have a definite purpose, namely, the teaching of God's Word and the saving of souls. This is the great task which is divinely given us to accomplish. We should count it a privilege to be co-workers with Christ in establishing His Kingdom on earth.

In conclusion let us call attention to the great crisis in the world's history which now prevails. The great war by one stroke has widened the vision of men and brought us into intimate contact with foreign peoples and conditions. Millions of young Americans will be engaged abroad within a few months. They will come back with a new outlook on life. They will come back imbued with the idea of service to mankind and they will bring back many things which will be helpful to them and to the communities in which they shall again make their homes. They

will also bring back new and strange ideas, some good and some bad. This, their home land, must be kept pure and undefiled for them. The simple, old-time faith in the power and grace of Jesus Christ must be nourished and cherished by the American nation. It is our guiding star in this time of stress. It will be our great pillow of strength in the years to come. The Sunday school has its great work to do just here. We must not fail.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. KNOTT,
Committee.

Discussed by E. L. Middleton. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The Christian civilization of to-day finds no menace in the unlettered Ashe County deserter. The ignorance which causes his enmity limits or destroys his power for evil. If his lack of mental equipment hinders him in reaching conclusions, it likewise prevents effective activity and leadership in the wrong direction. And besides he is of the simple whom the sure testimonies of Jehovah may make wise.

To-day the chief foe of Christian civilization comes from a different source. It is found in a race where for years the average of education has been highest; where the training of the schools has produced all-round efficiency and a wonderful mental agility. Out of that land of education and *Kultur* in the past four years have come such professions, such principles and practices as set at naught everything we have been taught to believe in and thought were established beyond peradventure; principles and practices which are the negation of the common decencies and moralities of life.

We then speak of Education in the Christian assemblage? Why talk longer of mental training in this association if its highest developments are to produce such results?

The situation thus forced upon our attention does not lessen but rather accentuates the necessity for Education—the kind our schools have been furnishing. It will avail us little to win the war abroad and lose it at home. The New Age will place heavier burdens upon the structure of our civilization. Greater tasks and problems will confront us. To bear that strain and to meet those tasks intellectual training will be needed, but more, much more, than intellect must be used. The Christian heart and the Christian character must provide a tinge for all the material that enters into a correct solution of those problems.

The race will work them out in every-day living and in every-day activities. But the foundation work, the inspiration and the

leadership, must come, will come, from the institutions of learning where youth receives its training. There can be no doubt about how Wake Forest, Meredith, Oxford, Mars Hill, Buie's Creek and the others of our schools will endeavor to meet the situation. To the limit of their capacity and equipment they will throw themselves into the great task of providing that leadership and that inspiration.

They are the jewels of the denomination. They will shine with all the lustre that the heart of the denomination throws into them. They will throw out every ray of light caught from nature and nature's God. Let us be true to them by sending our boys and girls to them. No narrow sectarianism dictates this course, but wise policy and faithfulness to the principles in which we believe.

And let us give them the best that we have. Let us make them equal to the tasks we lay before them. The Million Dollar Fund will provide the equipment which they are anxious to use for the glory of God and the welfare of man. We are just learning how to be generous. War activities are calling forth the best we have. Let us respond with equal liberality to this call of the present and the future.

Just one word more. Education is not completed by a course in school, college or university. These institutions provide only the ground work for the growing edifice. "A true university is a collection of books." How often do we see a young man or a young woman spend several years in school or college and then go back to a home entirely destitute of books. The home may be well built, spacious, well furnished, beautifully situated, with all modern conveniences, with horses, carriages, automobiles, and yet have in it no books worth the name save a few texts. Mental stagnation in that youth follows as the night the day.

May the writer say just to the ministers of this association that leadership in this matter rests very largely with them? Why not preach occasionally on the subject? Why not discuss the matter with parents and youths? We most earnestly recommend that the subject of good literature in the home, standard and current receive the attention of the heads of our families and of the ministers of our churches. D. G. BRUMMITT,

Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Thirty years ago the Baptists of North Carolina were confronted with this question: Shall not provision be made for the ministers who after having preached "the unsearchable riches of Christ" are themselves financially poor? who, after having "broken the bread of life" unto others are themselves physically hungry? And who, after having told us of the "wedding gar-

ment" are now shivering in the cold? This question was answered by the establishment of the Ministers' Relief Board which was organized about 28 years ago. Since its organization it has brought relief to 120 needy beneficiaries—ministers and widows of ministers. Today there are 37 on the Board and several applications pending. The beneficiaries receive from the paltry sum of $25.00 to $200.00 per year. It is needless to say that the majority of them need more help. In many cases this is their only means of support. It is not a sad commentary that those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's truth should ever be forced to endure discomforts and hardships because of our failure to provide for them the necessaries of life. The amounts we now give, as you will see, are very inadequate in comparison with the gift of him who has dedicated his entire life, body and soul, to the Kingdom and consequently saved nothing. We are all prone to discount the preacher who commercializes his life and saves money. That being true, shall we not then be prepared to support him more adequately when he has reached the dead line of service and want creeps upon him?

According to the mind of your committee there are two sound and all important reasons why every church in this association should make liberal and substantial contributions to this most worthy of Christian causes: First, these men are eminently worthy of the choicest care in view of the sacrifices they have made, the work they have done and the embarrassing position in which they find themselves in the lean years when body and mind are handicapped by the sweetness of old age. Second, that such care of these aged ministers will bring untold blessings upon the churches thus ministering to them, as such ministry is the very heart and core of our Christian faith expressed in brotherly and social service.

In the opinion of your committee too much cannot be done for these Veterans of The Cross and we do, therefore, urge that each church of this association make regular contributions to this object, just as you do to State Missions, Orphanage and so forth, and that the amount be at least five per cent of the amount paid to your respective pastors.

Not until we have done this and much more will we have measured up to our Christian obligation. F. W. HANCOCK, JR.

Discussed by author, J. C. Howard, W. A. Devin, S. W. Knott, G. T. Tunstall, M. F. Adcock, and C. A. Upchurch. Adopted.

J. W. Teague appointed to conduct the devotional exercises Tuesday morning.

Evening session closed with prayer by H. G. Bryant.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

J. U. Teague having been called away, devotional exercises were conducted by M. C. Walton.

Bro. T. H. Street, of Beulah Association, recognized and welcomed.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Baptists have always been essentially democratic in faith, practice and church government, jealous of control by any authority except that of the Scriptures, but no evangelical denomination is held together by a surer bond of unity of thought and cooperative efforts than ours. This results from the action of certain centripetal and cohesive forces. Of these the most quickening, energizing, unifying has ever been the spirit of Missions. The consciousness that the command of our Lord laid upon us a continuing, insistent commission to make disciples of all nations and to teach them His Word has made us active, united, fruitful. Missions has been the rallying cry of Baptists in all generations.

The churches of the Flat River Association feeling the sense of obligation to obedience to the great commission desire to reaffirm their adherance to this central doctrine of our faith.

This association of 1918 finds our country still in the prosecution of a great war. Our young men have been called to the standards of our country, and, unshrinking, have undertaken a service that may mean to them privation, wounds, suffering, death, and to all has come the bugle call to enlistment in patriotic service and to active support of our country's cause. Baptists may well be proud of their historic loyalty to country in all past wars, and the same spirit animates us now. The issues of this war for Democracy and human freedom throughout the world so vitally affect the free course and progress of our Master's Kingdom that we feel we may with confidence ask God's blessing upon our cause, our armies and our own efforts, esteeming loyalty to country now a Christian as well as a civic duty.

But at this time of war and turmoil and stress we must not forget that our supreme allegiance is due to our great King, and that His cause must not be allowed to suffer loss, and this association declares it to be the duty of its entire membership to stand loyally behind all the work of the churches, and particularly those missionary enterprises which have been projected and are being carried on in the effort to do our part in obedience to our Lord's command.

All Missions are one. It is error to divide them, except for

administrative purposes. The same appeal comes to us for each, whether we call it State Missions, Home Missions or Foreign Missions, and the same reason compels our support to each.

In the field of State Missions we must not slacken now. We must strengthen our stakes at home to maintain the base from which to project all missionary effort. We must build up the waste places and make the weak grow strong in order to take care of the problems which the war shall bring to our own doors. Post-bellum immigration, the counteracting of dangerous teachings prolific to these unsettled times, the maintenance of the old faith and the truth revealed in the Scriptures require unceasing vigilance, effort and sacrifice. The gratifying increase in contributions and results reported to the last State Convention shows that our able Secretary deserves the commendation of North Carolina Baptists for his consecrated zeal and methods.

Home Missions present a widening field for Christian effort. While more money than ever before was contributed to this object last year by Southern Baptists, the needs have outrun the resources. War has brought new conditions and opened new opportunities which cannot be allowed to pass. In addition to the work of building up the waste places in the South, among the Indians, in the isolated regions of the mountains, and in the congested cities, Cuba and Panama, great shipbuilding plants have been established from Baltimore to Galveston, drawing workmen from all parts of the country, swamping the efforts of the local churches. But it is in the great military camps the serious problems lie. By reason of increased contributions the Board has been able to place at each camp one or more camp pastors to shepherd the Baptist boys and others there, but the force is inadequate, and there is need that provision be made, if possible, to send these camp pastors abroad with the boys where they will be needed even more than here.

In the Foreign Mission fields, notwithstanding the increased giving of Southern Baptists, which sent the Board to the Convention with a surplus instead of a debt, the increased cost of the work in every way has prevented further expansion than that made necessary by continued growth. With 464 churches, 6,290 baptisms, 482 schools, 11 theological schools, more than 1,100 missionaries and native workers, we appreciate the magnitude of our enterprise scattered over the four quarters of the globe, and even with $852,923.00 contributed for current work during the year, the same report is made that there are young soldiers of the Cross who desire to go to fields of great usefulness, but are prevented by lack of funds. When the war is over the opportunities, not only in China and South America, but particularly

in the land of our ally Italy, and in great disorganized Russia, whose interests our Government has pledged itself to protect, where we hope to see a new work begun, will open to Southern Baptists a great door of usefulness and service to our Lord. The lofty ideals expressed by our country in this war will give our missionaries new prestige and material help.

With all these opportunities for helpfulness towards millions of human beings as to whom we are fixed with a duty, with material prosperity among our people from rising prices of farm products and labor, our own association has shown a tendency to slacken in missionary contributions. Comparing the statistics for 1914 with those for 1917 (the figures for 1918 not now available) we find the following:

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
1914	$1,508	$1,128	$3,222
1917	1,413	953	2,052

The loss of three churches, Antioch, Mill Creek and Providence would account for some of the decrease but would not materially change the result.

Therefore we urge that the churches of the association by the adoption of this report pledge themselves through the coming year,

(1) To increase contribution to all the missionary objects of the Convention;

(2) To a more thorough personal canvass of all the members of each church, and for the whole-hearted adoption of the budget plan and systematic giving;

(3) To the study of missionary accomplishment and plans and to the use of missionary periodicals;

(4) To frequent admonition from the pulpit as to our duty towards missions and to provision for missionary rallies when suitable;

(5) To united and earnest prayer that God will lead His people more and more into the path of duty to aid in the spread of His Kingdom.

(6) That the Flat River Association join heartily with our Board of Missions at Raleigh in the effort to add 12,000 new subscribers to the list of the *Biblical Recorder* and that we endeavor to secure 275 of these in this association, that we appoint a committee to apportion to each church one new subscriber of the *Recorder* to each church for every 20 of its members and report upon same at this session to be printed in minutes of this body;

(7) That in order to reach the people in our churches not taking the *Recorder* and as an aid to the churches in getting their assigned number of new subscribers for the *Recorder*, we urge the

churches of this asscociation to take a club of the *Monthly Bulletin*, printed by the Board of Missions, each copy enclosing also a trac, at the rate of one dollar per dozen per year.

(8) That the committee above mentioned be instructed to cooperate with the Board of Missions in the location of a school of pastors or workers in the association for the year.

W. A. DEVIN.

Discussed by W. N. Johnson. Adopted.

Roll call of pastors and delegates showed 10 pastors present and five absent and 58 delegates present.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer by Dr. R. H. Marsh.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT MEETING

The following is the report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting:

Your committee begs leave to make the following report:

We recommend Creedmoor as the church with which the association shall meet, and that Rev. J. D. Harte be selected to preach the introductory sermon, with J. U. Teague as alternate.

The association having acted upon the matter of time, that question is not before the committee.

W. A. DEVIN,
S. W. WALKER,
J. W. DEAN,
Committee.

Amended that association meet on Wednesday after second Sunday in July. Adopted.

Motion by J. C. Howard, that question of changing time of meeting be referred to churches. Motion carried.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The woman's work is not a great work just begun. Paul's declaration in Philippians 4:3, "Help those women which labored with me in the gospel," prove beyond a doubt that some of Paul's fellow workers at Philippi were women. While this was not a modern Missionary society, yet it was a society of women helping Paul in the Gospel.

The writer of this report, through the splendid assistance of our untiring associational Vice-President, Mrs. John Webb is seeking to impress upon this body and the members of the Flat River Association the great work being done by the women of this association.

The work has not sprung up as a mushroom in a single night, but by a steady yet sure development. The progress for the past year has been good and the outlook for the coming year is very encouraging. Under the leadership of our King, we may listen for greater things from our women, who have for their watchword, "for ye are the servants of the Lord Christ".

In the good old "North State" there are 54 associations and in 51 the women are organized. Last year in 47 of the associations the women held Annual Missionary Meetings, and a total of $63,000 was given to missions. Of this amount $1,464.67 was given by the women of the Flat River Association. The apportionment for this association for this year is $1,500.00, but our good women are expecting to report at least $1,600.00. Our women out of great loving hearts are never content with small things, unless that is their best. Therefore they are calling upon the pastors and laymen to help and encourage them. We are asking the pastors, where budget or Duplex envelop plan is used, to see to it that the church treasurer credit all mission contributions of society members to the society.

The Woman's Missionary Society stands for united daily prayer and also for the observance of special seasons of prayer. The first week in January is prayer for world-wide missions. The second day in April is prayer for Home Missions and one day in September is prayer for State Missions. The women emphasize Bible and mission study. They endeavor to meet the needs of the unsaved and the unfortunate in the community. They try to enlist all the women both young and old and all the children in our churches in mission work. They encourage systematic giving from every woman and child.

The Flat River Association has 34 churches and 42 Missionary Societies. Eight churches have no societies of any grade. No church can do its best without a society. The associational Superintendent will be glad to go to any church, that desires her service, to organize either the women or children or both into societies.

The association is divided into seven groups with a leader for each group. It is the leader's duty to encourage the societies already organized, to encourage new societies and build up a general society spirit.

There were about 3,000 women and girls in the membership of our churches. If every one of them belonged to a missionary society, and then if we could enlist the girls and boys who are not church members that ought to be members of the Sunbeam Bands, you can see what a large number would be enlisted, what an army would be in the training camps of our churches today and what a power these young people would be in the churches of tomorrow. There has never been a time when it it was so important to keep our Missionary Societies going or to train our young people and children. We must not fail to foster the missionary spirit. The Missionary Society and the Sunbeam Bands are the recruiting stations for all missionary activity.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association will hold its annual meeting September the 5th and 6th with Enon church. Last year's session was one of the very best and most spiritual meetings in the history of our Union, twenty-five societies being represented. This year our good sisters are expecting a very helpful meeting. In this report we urge that every church in this association send representatives. Also the pastors and laymen are invited to attend and see what the women of the Flat River Association are doing. A better understanding of what our women are doing in this association would create a closer cooperation and a deeper spirit of sympathy for the splendid work being done by our women.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. BRYANT.

Discussed by the author.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The Scriptures admonish us to "be temperate in all things". We take this to mean only all good things which may be used in excess; for the same writer again says, "abstain from all appearances of evil" and "abhor that which is evil". In practice and knowledge the great nations have come to hold intoxicants of all kinds injurious to both man's physical and spiritual natures. They are neither food nor drink.

Prohibition has made great strides in Europe and in America during the past two or three years. There is a strong sentiment that is daily growing for national prohibition, especially as a war measure. In fact an amendment for national prohibition was submitted by our government recently and already 13 State legislatures have ratified it. We need 23 more. In these trying and distressing times the demand is that everything possible be conserved. Labor must be conserved; and there are now more

than 300,000 people engaged in saloons and beershops. Coal must be conserved, and there are thousands of tons destroyed in the manufacture of beer and whiskey, while thousands of men, women, and children were recentlly forced to go shivering in the cold. Food must be conserved. But according to the admission of the brewers themselves they destroy one per cent of the grain crop of the United States, a supply sufficiently ample to feed more than 1,000,000 soldiers in France. But, most of all, we plead that souls of men and women, boys and girls, are in great peril on account of the great monster whiskey, and that the soul should have "Safety first."

Your committee, therefore, recommends to you as a body representing more than 5,000 church members, that we go on record as

(1) Favoring such enforcement of the laws of our State as will make it prohibition in fact as well as in name.

(2) Requesting and urging our next General Assembly to ratify the amendment submitted for national prohibition.

(3) Standing squarely behind the Anti-saloon League in securing the passage of the present prohibition war measure.

J. U. TEAGUE,
for the Committee.

Discussed by P. W. Knott and J. J. Gordon.

RESOLUTION FROM ENON CHURCH

The Enon church unanimously adopted the following resolutions, and presents them to the association with the request that the association endorse them.

WHEREAS, The standing and efficiency of Baptist churches are maintained by our active membership, and are greatly impeded by non-resident membership,

Therefore Be it Resolved by the Flat River Association:

(1) That it is the sense of the association that the churches be advised to take concerted action in the revival of our church rolls, with reference to non-resident members, who do not attend or support their churches;

(2) We would suggest the following as a workable plan for adoption by our churches:

(a) Whenever any member shall have been a non-resident for the period of one year, without communicating with the church, the clerk of the church shall write to him, requesting him to ask for a letter of dismission, so that he may as far as possible retain active membership in a Baptist church.

(b) If no satisfactory answer is received within two months, the clerk shall write a second letter repeating the request.

(c) In case no satisfactory answer is received within thirty days, the clerk shall report to the church, at the next meeting, and the membership of such person will thereby be forfeited.

(3) The pastors are strongly urged to bring this matter to the attention of their churches and seek to have this uniform plan adopted and enforced.

Discussed by J. D. Harte, R. H. Marsh, C. A. Upchurch, S. W. Knott, G. T. Tunstall. Adopted.

Apportionment to new subscribers to *Biblical Recorder* as follows: J. C. Howard, W. A. Devin, F. W. Hancock, Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As your Treasurer I beg leave to report as follows:

Received for Minister's Fund	73 09
Receievd for Foreign Missions	17 75
Received from W. L. Clark balance on hand	50
	$94 14

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. HOWARD,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO APPORTION NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BIBICAL RECORDER

Your committee to apportion new subscriptions to *Biblical Recorder* beg leave to report as follows:

Amis Chapel	11
Bethany	3
Bullock	4
Concord	6
Corinth	6
Creedmoor	6
Dexter	5
Enon	11
Fellowship	7
Florence Avenue	7
Grassy Creek	12
Hesters	14
Island Creek	17
Knap of Reeds	8
Knott's Grove	5
Mary's Chapel	7

Mount Harmony	5
Mount Zion	8
Mountain Creek	15
New Light	5
Beulah	9
Olive Branch	7
Oxford	30
Olive Grove	8
Tabb's Creek	5
Pleasant Grove	15
Peace Chapel	7
Stovall	12
Sharon	5
State Line	5
Tally Ho	10
Poplar Creek	6
West Oxford	5

W. A. DEVIN,
J. C. HOWARD,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion of C. A. Upchurch the association decided to revise the fifth Sunday meeting and the following committee was named to arrange for a fifth Sunday meeting in September: C. A. Upchurch, M. C. Walton, H. C. Bryant.

The following motion by J. B. Currin was adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the association be hereby expressed for gracious and bountiful hospitality expressed to us by the Oxford Baptist Church and community.

Motion by Dr. R. H. Marsh that we adjourn to meet with Creedmoor Baptist Church on Wednesday after second Sunday in July, 1919.

E. B. MEADOWS,
Moderator.

E. G. USRY,
Clerk.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Received by baptism, 1917	226
Received by baptism, 1918	270
Number of members, 1917	5,626
Number of members, 1918	5,760
Number died, 1917	59
Number died, 1918	60
Pastor's salary, 1917	$ 8,649 00
Pastor's salary, 1918	9,604 00
Building and repairs, 1917	1,602 54
Building and repairs, 1918	17,756 39
Sunday school expenses, 1917	552 00
Sunday school expenses, 1918	650 57
The poor, 1917	357 00
The poor, 1918	509 57
State Missions, 1917	1,413 76
State Missions, 1918	1,807 65
Home Missions, 1917	952 97
Home Missions, 1918	1,520 00
Foreign Missions, 1917	2,052 02
Foreign Missions, 1918	2,805 58
Orphanage, 1917	1,271 66
Orphanage, 1918	1,777 24
Education, 1917	289 50
Education, 1918	366 32
Old ministers, 1917	214 89
Old ministers, 1918	366 32

In Memoriam

MRS. LIZZIE HAYES MARSH

She was the oldest of Henry C. and Ann E. Hayes, of Mecklenburg County, Virginia. She was born September 24, 1842, gave her heart and life to the Saviour in childhood, and was baptised into the fellowship of Concord church, near her home. Her early education was received at her home, and late she attended Oxford College. She became a teacher in the college and it was in the teaching period that she met Rev. R. H. Marsh, who was to be her life-long companion. They were married June 22, 1863. One daughter was born to them, Mrs. C. D. Ray, of Oxford.

Sister Marsh entered into rest September 19, 1917, aged seventy-five years, she and Doctor Marsh having been married for nearly fifty-five years. The funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church, under the direction of her pastor, Rev. J. D. Harte. Rev. C. A. Upchurch, Rev. E. G. Usry, Rev. Rev. G. T. Tunstall, Rev. J. D. Hufham, D.D., and President Hobgood had part in the services. The pall bearers, active and honorary, were the deacons of Hesters, Enon, Bullocks, Tabb's Creek and Oxford churches. Beautiful and tender appreciations were given by Brethren Tunstall, Hobgood and Huffham.

Our sister now sleeps silently and sweetly beneath the shadow of a granite stone in Elmwood cemetery in Oxford, awaiting the coming of her loved ones and the Second Coming of Christ Jesus. These simple statements enfold in their larger meaning the life of a most busy and useful woman. To fill her allotted place as the wife of one of the most honored of our ministers required unusual gifts and graces. These she possessed to an uncommon degree. She was a home-lover and a home-maker and many weary travelers were wont to rest and refresh themselves in her hospitable home. She was temperamentally suited to be the wife of a preacher, having a sweet disposition, discreet conversation and blameless life.

"Sleep on beloved, sleep and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast,
We love thee well but Jesus loves thee best.
Good-night, good-night, good-night."

J. D. HARTE.

CONSTITUTION FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and coöperate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association and, at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received and expended.

ART. 7. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.—The Clerk of the preceding Association shall call the body to order at its next session. If the clerk be absent, then the Pastor of the church, at which the session is held, shall act as temporary chairman.

BY-LAWS

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

Table I. STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Pastors	Post Offices	Clerks	Post Offices	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death			
Amis Chapel	Jerre Reaves	Nelson, Va.	A. E. Garner	Virgilina, Va.	1st	$ 3 000	17	1	2	3	7	5	99	136	235
Bethany	J. B. Currin	Oxford	A. J. Tilley	Rougemont	3rd	500				3	1		19	44	63
Beulah	H. G. Bryant	Creedmoor	W. L. Currin	Hargrove	2nd	3 000	3	4		7	7	4	75	66	141
Bullock	G. T. Tunstall	Oxford	T. A. Royster	Bullock	1st	3 000	7						53	67	120
Concord	E. G. Usry	Oxford	C. C. Currin	Northside	2nd	1 200	13	1		1		1	74	66	140
Corinth	C. A. Upchurch	Oxford	S. H. Usry	Oxford, Rt. 2	3rd	1 200		3		1			49	72	121
Creedmoor	H. G. Bryant	Creedmoor	E. K. Morris	Creedmoor	1st and 4th	1 500	6	6	2	4		1	50	79	124
Dexter	E. G. Usry	Oxford	E. J. Creen	Oxford, Rt. 5	3rd	1 200				19		2	34	52	86
Enon	G. T. Tunstall	Oxford	P. W. Knott	Oxford	4th	1 800	18	16		13		3	129	131	260
Fellowship	H. G. Bryant	Creedmoor	C. F. Beck	Creedmoor	3rd	500	3	1		2	1		41	84	125
Florence Avenue	M. C. Walton	Virgilina, Va.	R. E. Amis	Virgilina, Va.	1st and 3rd	2 000	6	2		2		2	50	73	123
Grassy Creek	Jerre Reaves	Nelson, Va.	D. T. Winston	Virgilina, Va.	4th	3 000	32	5	7	5	1	1	136	150	286
Hesters	G. T. Tunstall	Oxford	M. G. Brooks	Oxford, Rt. 4		8 250		18		14		1	131	157	288
Island Creek	C. A. Upchurch	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Henderson, Rt. 7	4th	5 000	29	1		6		2	167	178	345
Knap of Reeds	J. H. Brass	Roxboro	E. J. Nance	Stem	4th	3 000	3	3	1	1		3	70	76	147
Knott's Grove	C. A. Upchurch	Oxford	J. W. Dean	Oxford	3rd	2 500	7	1		5	1	2	41	58	99
Mary's Chapel	H. G. Bryant	Creedmoor	A. J. Wilson	Creedmoor	1st	1 500	6					1	59	72	131
Mount Harmony	J. B. Currin	Oxford	J. R. Jones	Moriah	4th	700	3			2		2			
Mount Zion	C. A. Upchurch	Oxford	E. J. Daniel	Oxford, Rt. 1		5 000		2		3		3	66	95	161
Mountain Creek	Jerre Reaves	Nelson, Va.	R. T. Eaks	Oxford, Rt. 7	3rd	7 000	8	2	2	13	6	2	132	163	295
New Light															
Olive Branch	M. C. Walton	Virgilina, Va.	C. A. Stovall	Virgilina, Va.	3rd	2 000				2	1	2	53	50	103
Olive Grove	J. G. Davis	Wake Forest	W. B. Connelly	Northside	1st	750	11		1				75	87	162
Oxford	J. D. Harte	Oxford	B. F. Taylor	Oxford	Every Sunday	27 500	21	13		34	1	9	257	343	600
Tabbs Creek	G. T. Tunstall	Oxford	M. F. Adcock	Oxford	3rd	1 000		22				1	63	67	130
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin	Gorman	R. O. Smith	Creedmoor	4th	1 200	10	1		13		2	138	162	300
Poplar Creek	J. U. Teague	Louisburg, Rt. 5	J. L. Capps	Henderson	1st	2 000						2	43	46	89
Peace Chapel	D. E. Deaton	Henderson	W. A. Tippett	Oxford, Rt. 3	1st	1 000	11		1	6		1	60	92	152
Stovall	C. A. Upchurch	Oxford	E. M. Hart	Oxford, Rt. 5	2nd	1 590		2		6		2	100	135	235
Sharon	E. G. Usry	Oxford	W. A. Sherman	Berea, Rt. 1	4th	1 000		1	1	6		1	45	54	99
State Line	R. E. Peele	Clarksville, Va.	Robt. Ramsey	Soudan, Va.	4th	1 200	4	3		8			33	66	99
Tally Ho	H. G. Bryant	Creedmoor	W. R. Mangum	Stem	4th	1 800	21	2	1	20		2	81	133	214
West Oxford	E. G. Usry	Oxford	W. O. Wilson	Oxford	1st and 3rd	1 500	11	1				1	54	48	102
Rock Spring	S. L. Morgan	Henderson	J. T. Moody	Townsville	3rd	4 000	18	2	2	6		2	84	101	185
Total							270	114	19	205	25	60	2561	3198	5760

Table II. FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Amis Chapel	$ 290 00	$ 5 35	$ 31 00	$ 18 77	$	$ 4 00	$	$ 143 68	$ 100 50	$ 163 84	$ 5 85	$ 59 33	$ 5 85	$ 5 85	$ 64 39	$ 897 91
Bethany	199 50	3 00				1 55		15 00	14 20	18 25		15 00	7 25	7 25	16 00	240 50
Beulah	250 00	10 00	12 55	18 45	50 00	2 70		48 19	39 69	85 04	50 97	98 11	4 50		670 20	2920 48
Bullock	250 00	2000 00	28 75	25 00		2 50		57 50	57 50	57 50		62 18	10 00	20 00	62 20	2608 13
Concord	150 00	15 00	12 00	10 00	12 65	1 26		22 38	22 38	22 39		39 78			51 75	359 59
Corinth	280 00		108 00	7 00		2 00		22 67	7 35	24 00		7 00	6 00			463 42
Creedmoor	250 00	100 00	100 00	40 00		1 85		30 85	34 35	45 28		23 06	3 64	5 00	12 80	646 83
Dexter	200 00		86 20	12 00	15 00	1 51		43 68	31 10	31 10		26 93	53		4 26	452 31
Enon	400 00		52 51	18 15		3 00		190 13	202 56	228 56		185 10	40 27	71 40	200 27	1735 05
Fellowship	150 00			10 00				6 72	6 35	6 00		9 00		1 00	22 55	411 00
Florence Avenue	400 00		48 00	39 00		2 00		73 00	70 55	89 20	2 25	31 88	20 58	10 00	116 00	902 46
Grassy Creek	300 00		45 00	12 00	13 00	5 00		33 00	60 87	44 92		25 00		5 00	5 95	509 74

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CREEDMOOR BAPTIST CHURCH

JULY 15-16, 1919

MODERATOR—E. B. MEADOWS, . . Oxford, N. C., R. F. D.
CLERK—E. G. USRY, ... Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER—R. H. ROGERS, ... Creedmoor, N. C.

Next session meets with Mountain Creek Baptist Church on
Wednesday after second Sunday in October, 1920
Introductory sermon by G. T. Tunstall; alternate, L. M. Hobbs

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Delegates to Baptist State Convention—W. A. Devin, Dr. E. B. Meadows, H. M. Shaw.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION.

Missions—W. W. Reynolds.
Sunday Schools—R. Marsh Ray.
Orphanage—H. M. Shaw.
Periodicals—C. A. Upchurch.
Old Ministers—W. A. Devin.
Family Worship—L. M. Hobbs.
Christian Education—F. P. Hobgood.
Temperance—J. I. Gordon.
Woman's Work—Mrs. John Webb.
Obituaries—R. H. Marsh.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. Jere Reeves.....Nelson, Va.
Rev. E. G. Usry.....Oxford, N. C.
Rev. G. T. Tunstall.....Oxford, N. C.
Rev. J. B. Currin.....Oxford, N. C.
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Rev. J. D. Harte.....Oxford, N. C.
Rev. J. L. Martin.....Gorman, N. C.
*Rev. S. L. Morgan.....Henderson, N. C.
*Rev. R. E. Peele.....Clarksville, Va.

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*Absent.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

Florence Avenue—J. S. Pool, F. E. Winfrey, John M. Whitmoore.
Tabbs Creek—W. T. Blackwell, C. R. Hester, W. M. Brummitt.
Knap of Reeds—Frank Kelly, S. W. Waller.
Fellowship—W. T. Byrd, D. M. Milton, L. T. O'Briant.
Beulah—J. N. Watkins, T. J. Smith, G. W. Royster.
Grassy Creek—Lee Noblin, A. J. Yancey, Charles F. Morgan.
Oxford—W. A. Devin, H. M. Shaw, B. W. Parham.
Stovall—Dorsie Blackwell, L. N. Currin, L. R. Hart.
Island Creek—C. C. O'Brien, C. H. Sneed, J. T. Shotwell.
Mountain Creek—R. T. Blackwell, J. T. Newton, E. O. Eaks.
Mount Harmony—L. P. Sherman, H. O. Eaks, J. E. Jones.
Mary's Chapel—R. E. Jackson, A. J. Wilson, J. E. Mason.
Peace Chapel—W. S. West, J. C. Tippett.
State Line—J. R. Wilson.
Tally Ho—J. P. Walters, Fred Bradsher, Lee Franklin.
Concord—W. H. Daniel, W. B. Clark, R. W. Currin.
Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, J. M. Capps, J. L. Capps.
Olive Grove—Henry Keith, C. C. Perry.
Bethany—S. L. Cash, A. J. Tilley.
Amis Chapel—A. D. Frazier, C. W. Sneed, Roland Frazier.
Bullock—B. T. Hicks.
Knott's Grove—J. F. Dean, S. W. Knott, J. F. Newton.
Dexter—W. L. Faucett, I. T. Green, E. J. Green.
Corinth—E. B. Mangum.
Mount Zion—E. B. Meadows, Jimmie Jones, L. R. Daniel.
Hesters—Thurman Hart, A. B. Dean, Oscar Loyd.
Pleasant Grove—S. H. Mize, S. J. Rogers, J. B. Knight.
West Oxford—D. F. Lanier, R. W. Boyd, J. H. Kearney.
Creedmoor—O. B. Allen, S. H. Rogers, R. H. Rogers.
Enon—J. M. Phipps, Buxton Hobgood.
Sharon—J. B. Elliott, W. R. Sherman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR SESSION OF 1919.

Wednesday Morning.

10:00 to 10:30—Organization and Enrollment of Delegates.
10:30 to 11:30—Periodicals.
11:30 to 12:30—Orphanage.

Afternoon.

12:30 to 2:00—Recess.
2:00 to 2:15—Miscellaneous.
2:15 to 3:00—Sunday Schools.
3:00 to 4:00—Education.
4:00 to 4:30—Ministerial Relief.

Evening.

Introductory Services.

Thursday Morning.

9:00 to 9:20—Devotional Exercises.
9:20 to 9:50—Roll Call.
9:50 to 12:00—Missions.
12:00 to 1:00—Woman's Work.

Afternoon.

1:00 to 2:30—Recess.
2:30 to 2:45—Miscellaneous.
2:45 to 3:15—Temperance.
3:15 to 3:30—Family Worship.
3:30 to 4:00—Digest of Church Letters.
4:00 to 4:15—Obituaries.

PROCEEDINGS.

Creedmoor, N. C., July 15, 1919.

The Flat River Association met in its 126th annual session with Creedmoor Baptist Church, on Wednesday, July 15, 1919. The body was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. E. B. Meadows. Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. R. H. Marsh.

Motion by W. A. Devin, that the Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for Dr. E. B. Meadows to succeed himself as Moderator. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. F. P. Hobgood, that W. A. Devin be instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for E. G. Usry to succeed himself as Clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by W. A. Devin, that the Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for R. H. Rogers for Treasurer. Motion carried.

The organization being thus completed, the first order of business was called for, which was the Report on Periodicals. The committee appointed by the last Association not being present, Dr. F. P. Hobgood was appointed to prepare the report. The subject was discussed by Dr. F. P. Hobgood, Dr. L. Johnson, and Jere Reeves.

REPORT ON THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE.

We have a gratifying report from the Thomasville Orphanage. Notwithstanding the past year has been one of unusual and trying experiences, it was a good year financially. The "One Day's Thank Offering" went beyond all expectations, coming as it did in the midst of the great epidemic which closed the majority of our churches. No further proof is needed that North Carolina Baptists can take care of a cause when they want to.

The attendance has increased until there are 531 present. Of these, 86 are at the Kennedy Home.

The health record for the year has been remarkable, both for the amount of sickness and the absence of serious results therefrom. There were 481 cases of influenza and not a single death. There were only two deaths during the year, both by accident. One, a charming boy at the Kennedy Home, met his death by drowning while in bathing. The other was that of a boy who was killed by a train near Lexington while in the act of running away.

The school year has been a hard one, both on account of the epidemic and the shortage of teachers. In spite of all this, a good year's work has been done in the grades. A course in stenography and bookkeeping has been added. The management reports this well under way.

At the Kennedy Home the past year has been one of real progress, and special mention should be made of the perseverance and patience with which Bro. T. B. Davis has prosecuted his work there. The Hardee cottage has been completed and occupied by boys. Mrs. Kennedy's bequest for a library to be placed in the building is now available, and a room will be equipped with cases and books at an early date. The chapel has also been completed. The pews have been ordered, but may not be delivered before September.

The following bequests are reported for the year:

Mrs. Jane Alice Brooks	$ 25.00
Henry L. McWhite	100.00
Mrs. Jane Zimmerman	400.00
J. W. Carter	200.00
Estate of J. G. Chamblee	347.01
Charlie Woodward	107.22
W. J. Spence	1,692.61
W. J. Spence (notes)	3,000.00

It is with deep regret we have to report the death of Bro. John C. Whitty, a member of the board of trustees, who showed his friendship by the erection of the Rowena Whitty building.

Out of perhaps seventy-five orphanage boys who went with the American armies to France, four laid down their lives and are taking their long sleep in a foreign soil. Their names, worthy of a place on any scroll of honor, we write here: Lieut. W. M. Bazemore, Cook Arthur R. Howell, Private Charles C. Cook, Sergeant Adlai Stevenson.

Many long-needed repairs could not be made because workmen could not be secured. The farming operations have also suffered for lack of sufficient help. A good farm tractor will be needed for the Kennedy Home.

The future looks bright. The Baptists of North Carolina are awaking more than ever to the sense of our responsibility, that of giving every orphan boy and girl a chance. God speed the day when every one of the 2,000 Sunday-schools in our State shall give loyal, unanimous support, that not a single worthy child shall be turned away for lack of room and support.

O. E. WHEELERS,
For Committee.

Discussed by J. D. Harte, W. A. Devin, J. B. Hamrick.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Nothing in a report on temperance at this time can be more appropriate than to voice our praise and gratitude to God for the final victory against the legalized liquor traffic in our whole country. To God be the praise! The first day of July, 1919, was the first time in the history of our country when there was not a barroom in the land conducted by the sanction of law.

The first Independence Day was July 4, 1776, when our country became free of a power from without. The second independence was July 1, 1919, when our beloved country threw off her great enemy from within. Yet we should not misunderstand the present legal status of the liquor business. The present suppression of the saloon is based on the presidential proclamation, to continue until peace is proclaimed. Constitutional prohibition does not go into effect until January, 1920. It is to be expected that the enemies of prohibition will seek, by legal devices and by the usual transgressions of the laws of the land, to discredit and annul the effects of national prohibition. But in the end these foes to good citizenship and righteousness will all be defeated.

We need, however, to remember that there is yet much to be done in order to enjoy fully the fruits of the great victory. Enforcement is now the watchword. The unit of enforcement is the local community—the city, the town, the county. Experience has demonstrated to our entire satisfaction that dry laws will not be enforced by wet officers. Moreover, it would seem that our hope of the liquor law enforcement should be entrusted to men who are the friends of enforcement. Your committee urges that our Baptist people everywhere support men for public office who are the avowed enemies of the liquor power. We should support them, not only by our votes, but, after their election, give them our moral support in the actual work of enforcement.

Our closing word is, that we should not forget the forces that have aided in the struggle against the saloon power through the years. The early temperance societies, the Anti-Saloon League, the churches and Sunday-schools, the schools that have taught the evil effects of alcohol on the human system, the faithful women, the fearless preachers, the religious press, and in recent years the secular press—these and other great forces akin to them have joined hands in bringing about this great national achievement against our greatest single power for evil—the legalized saloon.

J. D. HARTE.

Discussed by J. D. Harte, W. A. Devin, and Dr. E. B. Meadows. Report adopted.

Motion by Dr. F. P. Hobgood, that Committee on Time for Next Meeting of Association be instructed to recom-

mend Wednesday after second Sunday in October, 1920. Discussed by L. M. Hobbs, C. A. Upchurch, Jere Reeves, Dr. R. H. Marsh, R. H. Rogers, J. H. Phipps, R. H. Hicks, and J. S. Pool. Motion carried.

Wednesday—Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened with prayer by S. W. Knott.

A resolution on purchasing Oxford College was presented by E. G. Usry.

RESOLUTION ON PURCHASING OXFORD COLLEGE.

Whereas, the Flat River Association, at its session at Olive Branch Church in July, 1917, endorsed the Million Dollar Movement for Christian Education; and

Whereas, it is greatly to be desired that our contributions for this cause be applied to the purchase and adoption of Oxford College by the State Board of Education: now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we heartily endorse the plan to perpetuate Oxford College by the application of the contributions to this fund secured in the Flat River Association to the purchase and adoption of Oxford College as a denominational institution by the State Board of Education.

2. That we pledge our co-operation in an enthusiastic canvass for the necessary fund.

3. That a committee of five be appointed to co-operate with the State Board of Education in carrying out the purposes of this resolution. E. G. USRY.

Discussed by R. H. Marsh, L. M. Hobbs, C. A. Upchurch, H. M. Shaw, and F. P. Hobgood. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Education failing to report, the subject was discussed by Dr. F. P. Hobgood.

No report on Old Ministers' Relief having been prepared, the object was discussed by R. H. Marsh, Jere Reeves, and S. H. Rogers.

Thursday—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by C. A. Upchurch.

The following committee on purchasing Oxford College was appointed: W. A. Devin, chairman; H. M. Shaw, J. D. Harte, G. T. Tunstall, and P. W. Knott.

The Clerk was instructed to write to each Church Clerk in the Association to raise its proportional part of the $75 deficiency in the minute fund.

The Clerk was instructed to wait until after the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, in September, before publishing the minutes, and publish the minutes of the W. M. U. with the minutes of the Association.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Flat River Association voices again its thorough conviction in favor of a continuance of the missionary enterprises of our denomination, both at home and abroad. We are missionary in spirit and practice, because, primarily, missions are one of the fundamentals of our religion.

We reaffirm an abiding faith that when our Saviour, fresh from the glory of His resurrection, during the short space before He ascended to be with the Father, commanded His followers to "go and make disciples of all nations," He laid an inescapable duty upon all Christians in every age who should come to Him in the spirit of obedience and love. This command rings sharply in our ears today. While recognizing the obligation imposed by this specific command of our Lord, we esteem it a priceless privilege to be permitted to aid in spreading His kingdom on earth.

And we pledge anew our devotion to this divine commission, in sincerity and in love, desiring to consecrate ourselves and our means to His service to this great end.

We accept without reservations the plans of the Mission Boards—State, Home, and Foreign—and heartily endorse the work they are doing, and hereby tender assurances of our loyal co-operation and support.

The statistics of the churches for the current associational year are not available at the time of presenting this report, but those for the preceding year showed gratifying increases in contributions to these objects.

But, considering the enormous increase in wealth within the bounds of our Association (as well as elsewhere), the reduction in the purchasing power of money, and the multiplication of expenses incident to missionary activity, we question whether the increase is not more apparent than real.

With the coming of peace have come many problems for the churches, and the unfolding of opportunities for missions in all lands which we as servants of the most high God must not permit to pass unnoticed. We begin to perceive that great doors shattered by the thunders of the world conflict are now open to us. New lands lie waiting for us to go up and possess them for our Lord.

We realize that the maintenance of the present organization of mission forces, and the necessary expansion into wider fields, can only be accomplished by a clearer understanding of the relationship we have to the material prosperity God has bestowed upon us. We must more and more inculcate the spirit of stewardship. When Christians, individually and collectively, shall come to the realization that the means He has placed in their hands are to be administered by them for His purposes and in accordance with His will, then we may with confidence look forward to the time when "the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ." W. A. DEVIN.

Discussed by author, L. Johnson, L. M. Hobbs, F. P. Hobgood, C. A. Upchurch, R. H. Rogers, R. H. Marsh, S. W. Knott, and Dr. E. B. Meadows.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In this Association there are 33 churches. Of these, 22 have missionary societies, 11 have none; 12 churches have two societies—one for women and one for children—the Sunbeams; one church has three societies—one for women, one for young ladies (the Y. W. A.), and a Sunbeam Band. One church, the First Church, of Oxford, adds to the three above named the Girls' Auxiliary, making four in all.

The aim of our women in this Association for this year is $2,000 for all objects. They work together and usually reach their goal. They plan their work, and work their plan. They use system. They make frequent and regular offerings. This trio—plans, system, and regularity and frequency in giving—guarantee their success.

Our own women have already established a Church Building Loan Fund under our Home Board's plan. This money is already paid in.

The next meeting of our Flat River women is to be held at Tally Ho Church, September 11 and 12, next.

The meeting at Enon last fall was one of unusual interest. The women there seemed filled with a vision and a desire to attempt larger things for the Kingdom.

God grant that the entire membership of our churches may sit at their feet and learn the great lessons of missions and the art of regular and systematic giving.

Let us hear the injunction of the Master, brought to us by Paul in Philippians 4:3—"Help those women."

C. A. UPCHURCH.

Discussed by the author and L. M. Hobbs.

Thursday—Afternoon Session.

Open with prayer by W. A. Devin.

No report on Sunday-schools having been prepared, the subject was discussed by L. M. Hobbs, W. A. Devin, S. W. Knott, C. A. Upchurch, E. G. Usry, R. H. Rogers.

No report on Family Worship having been made, the committee was asked to prepare a report, to be published in the minutes.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.

Your Committee on Place and Preacher beg to report:
Place—Mountain Creek Church.
Time—Wednesday after second Sunday in October.
Preacher—Rev. G. T. Tunstall.
Alternate—Rev. L. M. Hobbs.

H. M. SHAW,
S. W. KNOTT,
JERE REEVES,
Committee.

Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As your Treasurer, I beg to report as follows:

Received for minute fund	$71.15
Foreign Missions	4.58
State Missions	7.40
Orphanage	4.86
Sunday-school Missions	5.67
Ministerial Relief Fund	6.34
	$100.00

Adopted.

Baptisms, 1919	285
Baptisms, 1918	270
Gain	15
Lost by death, 1919	90
Lost by death, 1918	60
Increase in 1919	30

Building and repairs, 1919	$23,847.14
Building and repairs, 1918	17,756.39
Increase	$ 5,090.75
State Missions, 1918	$ 1,807.65
State Missions, 1919	1,686.21
Decrease	$ 121.44
Home Missions, 1919	$ 1,674.87
Home Missions, 1918	1,520.35
Gain	$ 154.52
Foreign Missions, 1918	$ 2,805.58
Foreign Missions, 1919	2,772.45
Decrease	$ 33.13
Orphanage, 1919	$ 2,060.10
Orphanage, 1918	1,777.24
Gain	$ 282.86
Education, 1919	$ 422.06
Education, 1918	201.64
Gain	$ 220.42
Old Ministers, 1918	$ 366.22
Old Ministers, 1919	364.10
Decrease	$ 2.12

A resolution of thanks was adopted.

Motion by Dr. Marsh that we adjourn to meet with Mountain Creek Church, on Wednesday after the second Sunday in October, 1920. Motion carried.

Benediction by Dr. Marsh.

Adjournment.

DR. E. B. MEADOWS, Moderator.

E. G. USRY, Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Flat River Association, met with Tally Ho Church, Thursday, September 11, at 3:30 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. John Webb, and opened with hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." The devotions were led by Miss Alma Ragland, Rev. J. D. Harte leading in prayer.

In the absence of Miss Mayes, who was appointed to welcome the delegates, Mrs. J. Blackley did this for her, and in a few appropriate words gave us a cordial greeting. The response was made by Mrs. Titus Currin, of Enon Church.

The enrollment of visitors and delegates at the first meeting numbered 32; total, 71.

The Sunbeam session was presided over by Miss Isabel Parham, of Oxford, who made her report; also, reports were heard from other Sunbeam Bands.

An interesting program, consisting of songs, recitations, etc., was given by the Tally Ho Band.

Mrs. W. N. Jones, our State President, of Raleigh, made a talk on Sunbeam work, which was followed by a talk from Rev. J. D. Harte, who emphasized the keynote of service—"Efficiency."

The Nominating Committee was then elected, as follows: Mrs. J. L. Garner, Mrs. A. E. Lyon, and Miss Ettie Washington.

The meeting was then closed with prayers from Mr. Tunstall and Mr. Hart.

Thursday Evening.

At 8 o'clock a large audience assembled to hear addresses from Rev. G. T. Tunstall and J. D. Harte.

After a service of song and prayer, Mr. Tunstall made an appeal for our 75 Million Campaign, his subject being "Our Task."

Mr. Harte then said he could add nothing to such an

address, and as the hour was late he closed with the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Friday Morning.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 Friday morning by Mrs. Webb. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Hobbs, wife of the pastor at Tally Ho. These were closed with the hymn, "I Gave My Life for Thee."

The enrollment added 30 more at this time.

The Secretary then called the roll of societies, delegates responding with short reports.

The President, Mrs. Webb, read her report, which showed marked increase.

Mrs. W. N. Jones then addressed the meeting on W. M. U. Plans for the Coming Year, stressing all phases of work, especially the 75 Million Campaign.

After the Treasurer's report of associational expenses, Mrs. A. H. Powell, of Oxford, had charge of the conference on plans for our Association. The program was as follows:

1. A Large Enlistment—Mrs. Shaw.
2. Mission Study, Bible Study, Mission Literature—Mrs. W. D. Amis.
3. Stewardship—Mrs. B. E. Parham.
4. Christian Education—Mrs. S. H. Rogers.
5. Personal Service—Mrs. Will Kimball.
6. Attendance—Mrs. Blackley.

The meeting then adjourned, after prayer by Mrs. Hobbs.

Friday Afternoon.

At 3:30 the meeting opened with the W. M. U. hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," Miss Julia Currin leading in the devotional exercises.

This being the Y. W. A. hour, Miss Isabel Parham, associational leader, presided. Her report was followed by other Y. W. A. workers.

The paper on "Need for Y. W. A.'s in Our Association," prepared by Mrs. G. B. Phillips, was read by Miss Mary Webb in her absence.

Then came reports of committees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

We beg to make the following report on literature: Subscribers received to Home and Foreign Fields, 9; Royal Service, 7.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS ALMA RAGLAND,
MISS BLANCHE EAKES,
MISS MARY HART,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Believing that God overrules all things, and in the death of the following members: Mrs. M. C. Chamblee and Mrs. Luther Buchanan, of Oxford; Mrs. C. H. Sneed, of Amis Chapel, and Mrs. Cathie Loyd, of Grassy Creek; we bow in humble submission to His will, realizing that our loss is their gain, and pray to meet them in our home in heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. C. LYON,
MRS. B. C. GARNER,
MISS LELA WHEELOUS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report of officers for the coming year:

Mrs. John Webb, Superintendent.
Mrs. A. H. Powell, Assistant Superintendent.
Mrs. C. D. Ray, Secretary and Treasurer.
Mrs. F. B. Blalock, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.
Sunbeam Superintendent—Mrs. Sadie Parham.
Y. W. A. Superintendent—Miss Isabel Parham.
Group Leaders—Mrs. W. D. Amis, Mrs. C. A. Upchurch, Mrs. Titus Currin, Mrs. S. W. Pittard, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. S. W. Knott, Miss Maud Shanks. Churches to be assigned later.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. W. PITTARD,
MRS. ROBERT GARNER,
MISS ETTIE WASHINGTON,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, the women of the W. M. U., desire to express our sincere appreciation of the kind hospitality extended to us by the good people of Tally Ho Church. We also wish to thank both Rev. G. T. Tunstall and Rev. J. D. Harte for the splendid addresses

made to the Union. We feel highly honored and grateful for the presence of our beloved State President, Mrs. W. N. Jones, who gave us a beautiful address, inspiring and full of information, which touched all hearers with a stronger spirit of missions. We feel grateful that we are under the leadership of our beloved Superintendent, Mrs. John Webb, and trust she may long be spared as our faithful leader.

May the Lord bless the good people of Tally Ho in their faithful work for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. T. HARRIS,
MRS. A. W. ALLEN,
MRS. A. TILLEY,
Committee.

The closing devotions were led by Mrs. Hobbs, being in the form of a consecration service, and were highly spiritual and beneficial.

After a closing chain of prayers, the Society adjourned to meet next year in Oxford.

MRS. JOHN WEBB, Superintendent.

MRS. C. D. RAY, Secretary.

LIST OF DELEGATES AND VISITORS.

Miss Alma Ragland
Miss Sadie Parham
Miss Isabel Parham
Mrs. R. C. Garner
Mrs. Bose Ragland
Mrs. Lucy Wheelees
Mrs. E. S. Jenkins
Mrs. T. T. Frazier
Mrs. A. F. Morris
Mrs. W. H. Russell
Miss Hazel Russell
Miss Lalla Wilson
Miss Ellie Currin
Miss Mary Hart
Miss Isabelle Coleman
Miss Hattie Pittard
Miss Blanche Eakes
Miss Lela Wheelous
Mrs. Rosa Parham
Mrs. J. T. Averett
Mrs. G. W. Royster
Mrs. S. C. Lyon
Mrs. C. H. Piper
Mrs. Will Kimball
Mrs. Amed Tilley
Mrs. J. C. Mangum
Mrs. J. G. Pittard
Mrs. C. G. Royster
Mrs. A. E. Lyon
Mrs. J. D. Harte
Mrs. J. L. Garner
Mrs. R. W. Allen
Mrs. Titus Currin
Mrs. K. K. Daniel
Mrs. W. L. Currin
Mrs. Mollie Lyon
Mrs. R. M. Ray
Mrs. G. S. Watkins
Mrs. L. W. Hall
Mrs. R. W. Allen
Mrs. W. D. Amis
Mrs. H. C. Crowell
Mrs. Pallie Winfree
Mrs. L. M. Hobbs
Mrs. J. H. Wheeler
Miss Salena Brinkley
Miss Foy Greene
Mrs. A. H. Powell
Mrs. John Webb
Mrs. C. D. Ray
Mrs. W. N. Jones
Mrs. Sally Pittard
Mrs. Frank Daniel
Mrs. B. E. Parham
Mrs. F. B. Blalock
Mrs. Sam Watkins
Mrs. S. H. Usry
Mrs. W. T. Harris
Mrs. S. F. Bullock
Mrs. Rosa Walker
Mrs. H. M. Shaw
Mrs. Sam Jones
Mrs. R. S. Hart
Mrs. J. N. Watkins
Miss Clyde Hart
Miss Mary Webb
Miss Lelia Hart
Miss Julia Currin
Rev. J. D. Harte
Rev. G. T. Tunstall
Mr. Ewart Lloyd

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

	W. M. U.	Y. W. A.	Sunbeams
Amis Chapel	$ 71.56	.....	$ 46.25
Beulah	67.70	.....	53.30
Bethany	3.94	.....	.....
Concord	32.00	.....	.....
Creedmoor	89.78	.....	18.92
Corinth	21.50	.....	.....
Dexter	51.50	$ 14.00	3.75
Enon	31.32	.....	30.00
Florence Avenue	98.26	.....	10.50
Grassy Creek	73.30	.....	14.75
Hesters	37.00	.....	.....
Island Creek	33.40	.....	2.80
Knap of Reeds	29.00	.....	10.50
Knott's Grove	52.55	.....	23.29
Mary's Chapel	11.91	.....	7.00
Mountain Creek	91.00	.....	13.50
Mount Zion	11.25	.....	.....
Olive Branch	40.20	.....	.....
Oxford	653.75	125.45	33.00
Oxford College	.....	46.50	.....
Rock Spring	.....	.....	13.90
Stovall	51.30	.....	.....
Tally Ho	65.30	.....	12.50
Total	$1,612.01	$185.95	$293.96

Grand Total, $2,091.92.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Post-Office	Clerk and Post-Office	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restor'tion	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Amis Chapel	Jerre Reeves, Nelson, Va.	E. D. Frazier, Virgilina, Va.	---	$3,000	9	11	2	19	7	5	101	128	228
Beulah	E. G. Usry, Oxford	W. L. Currin, Hargrove	2d	2,500	23	7	---	8	3	---	72	116	188
Bullock	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	T. A. Royster, Bullock	1st	---	14	3	1	9	---	2	58	72	130
Bethany	J. B. Currin, Oxford	A. J. Tilley, Rougemont	3d	500	---	---	---	---	1	1	18	43	61
Concord	L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	C. C. Currin, Northside	3d	1,200	7	1	---	8	---	4	74	69	136
Dexter	E. G. Usry, Oxford	E. J. Green, Oxford	3d	1,200	14	5	---	2	---	1	45	53	98
Enon	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	P. W. Knott, Oxford	4th	12,000	---	1	---	4	---	5	127	124	251
Creedmoor	L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	E. K. Morris, Creedmoor	1 & 4	1,500	---	11	---	22	---	3	51	59	110
Hesters	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	M. G. Brooks, Oxford	2d	11,000	21	---	---	4	---	3	138	159	297
Fellowship	J. B. Davis, Northside	C. F. Beck, Creedmoor	3d	500	11	2	2	6	---	1	49	86	135
Florence Avenue	W. W. Reynolds, Virgilina	T. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	1 & 3	3,000	6	2	---	8	---	---	45	68	113
Island Creek	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	H. T. Shanks, Henderson, No. 7	4th	5,000	48	2	---	5	---	7	186	211	399
Knap of Reeds	J. H. Bass, Roxboro	E. J. Nance, Stem	4th	2,000	---	2	---	5	---	---	20	73	143
Knott's Grove	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	J. W. Dean, Oxford	3d	3,000	---	5	---	---	---	---	45	58	103
Mary's Chapel	L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	A. J. Wilson, Creedmoor	1st	1,500	---	---	1	---	---	3	59	73	132
Mount Harmony	Joe B. Currin, Oxford	J. R. Jones, Moriah	4th	700	9	2	---	1	---	2	37	58	95
Corinth	D. E. Deaton, Henderson	S. H. Usry, Oxford	1st	2,000	4	2	---	4	---	2	47	72	119
Mountain Creek	Jerre Reeves, Nelson, Va.	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, R. 7	3d	1,000	9	7	2	6	---	12	135	172	307
Mount Zion	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	E. J. Daniel, Oxford, R. 1	1st	7,500	35	10	---	8	---	3	90	100	190
Grassy Creek	Jerre Reeves, Nelson, Va.	D. T. Winston, Virgilina, Va.	4th	3,500	---	6	---	7	5	3	131	147	278
Olive Grove	J. B. Davis, Northside	W. B. Connelly, Northside	1st	1,000	15	---	---	1	---	3	82	96	178
Oxford	J. D. Harte, Oxford	B. F. Taylor, Oxford	every	27,500	75	18	---	65	---	2	260	355	615
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Martin, Gorman	R. O. Smith, Creedmoor	4th	1,200	1	2	---	7	---	3	132	153	285
Poplar Creek	S. L. Morgan, Henderson	J. L. Capps, Henderson	1st	2,000	10	---	---	4	---	2	48	47	95
Peace Chapel	D. E. Deaton, Henderson	V. A. Tippett, Kittrell	1st	1,000	11	1	2	8	---	2	63	87	140
Stovall	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	E. M. Hart, Oxford	2d	1,500	---	3	1	9	---	2	95	133	228
Sharon	E. G. Usry, Oxford	W. A. Sherman, Berea	4th	1,000	7	---	---	3	---	1	42	60	102
State Line	R. E. Peele, Clarksville, Va.	Robert Ramsey, Soudan, Va.	4th	2,000	---	1	---	2	---	---	31	61	92
Tally Ho	L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	W. R. Morgan, Stem	4th	1,500	17	11	---	5	1	4	89	142	231
Tabb's Creek	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	M. F. Adcock, Oxford	3d	1,000	5	2	---	---	---	2	65	68	133
West Oxford	E. G. Usry, Oxford	W. O. Wilson, Oxford	1 & 3	5,000	25	18	---	2	---	---	66	82	148

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Educa.	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects		Total
Amis Chapel	$ 350 00	$ 110 13	$ 31 15	$23 89	$ ____	$ 4 00	$ 155 31	$ 88 55	$ 370 11	$ ____	$ 152 11	$12 86	$ ____	$ 379 04	$ ____	$ ------
Beulah	275 00	------	------	25 30	____	6 00	52 36	46 74	53 06	13 43	75 10	____	____	169 39	____	116 38
Bullock	159 28	------	59 79	25 00	____	6 00	27 50	22 00	27 50	____	104 06	5 50	11 00	------	____	323 93
Bethany	171 00	1 15	------	3 00	____	1 50	11 70	12 47	10 90	____	27 00	____	____	------	____	238 79
Concord	165 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	10 83	1 00	20 00	20 00	21 98	____	34 54	____	____	43 50	____	361 82
Creedmoor	360 00	------	100 00	65 00	____	1 85	30 34	61 40	105 70	____	118 65	10 00	10 00	22 45	____	885 39
Hesters	445 00	100 00	------	20 00	31 53	3 50	76 66	101 12	101 12	____	162 84	19 34	38 33	335 92	____	1435 44
Dexter	200 00	------	------	13 00	____	____	12 75	48 25	72 00	7 37	20 80	____	____	58 39	____	423 56
Enon	400 00	8170 00	129 00	19 00	____	3 88	139 36	173 86	180 81	____	162 75	27 62	52 38	690 00	____	10326 58
Fellowship	200 00	------	35 00	____	____	1 00	------	------	4 58	5 67	4 86	____	6 34	------	____	257 45
Florence Avenue	500 00	------	60 00	50 00	____	2 25	27 62	81 00	97 40	10 00	26 78	8 00	5 00	127 50	____	995 55
Island Creek	300 00	7 00	104 00	15 00	____	2 00	100 00	100 00	140 00	____	50 00	____	____	135 00	____	953 00
Knap of Reeds	300 00	------	21 75	17 58	____	2 50	53 03	27 00	48 00	____	149 05	13 50	13 50	------	____	645 49
Knott's Grove	200 00	7 50	22 50	17 88	____	2 00	26 75	25 64	55 55	____	60 46	25 10	10 15	247 00	____	701 06
Mary's Chapel	135 00	------	------	6 86	____	1 50	3 78	11 72	10 45	____	------	5 00	5 00	------	____	179 31
Mount Harmony	137 00	------	------	3 00	____	1 50	12 00	8 00	8 00	____	8 00	____	8 00	37 00	____	185 50
Corinth	300 00	300 00	13 00	9 08	____	2 76	10 00	18 07	23 21	____	14 03	____	10 00	88 65	____	495 53
Mountain Creek	400 00	------	36 00	40 00	____	5 00	115 48	134 19	268 32	____	75 39	25 41	21 41	50 00	64 76	1235 96
Mount Zion	300 00	21 50	25 00	28 00	____	3 00	40 00	30 00	60 00	9 75	60 00	____	10 00	276 22	____	563 97
Grassy Creek	300 00	------	26 00	20 00	____	3 00	59 45	66 70	79 95	____	37 20	____	20 00	63	15 00	150 90
Olive Grove	175 00	1000 00	------	12 50	____	____	------	------	------	26 00	14 87	____	5 92	40 00	63 00	1361 96
Oxford	2100 00	18351 00	554 55	172 14	53 10	5 00	451 30	417 20	778 48	27 43	448 95	112 00	100 00	61404 00	____	6118 00
Pleasant Grove	225 00	7 00	3 00	17 00	____	80	17 38	20 00	20 00	____	36 07	____	____	------	____	362 95
Poplar Creek	240 00	------	18 00	5 92	11 00	2 00	74 50	------	------	____	44 45	____	____	53 50	____	409 81
Peace Chapel	300 00	------	12 00	10 00	____	____	------	14 05	8 58	9 50	------	____	____	------	____	354 13
Stovall	400 00	------	35 00	10 00	____	3 40	34 47	40 30	59 25	____	30 59	5 00	10 00	87 00	____	715 01
Sharon	200 00	------	27 90	16 65	____	3 07	18 70	20 61	30 00	____	28 22	____	____	25 00	2 25	372 40
State Line	175 00	------	------	10 00	25 00	2 00	45 00	25 00	40 00	5 00	19 00	10 00	____	75 00	100 00	531 00
Tally Ho	325 00	------	47 25	11 91	19 19	3 05	8 80	13 00	19 50	____	25 41	154 73	4 74	32 00	____	656 38
Tabb's Creek	200 00	12 65	33 50	11 00	____	1 00	42 00	50 00	60 00	____	24 00	8 00	16 00	------	____	458 15
West Oxford	200 00	3744 21	25 88	59 96	50 00	5 00	20 00	10 00	20 00	____	45 00	____	6 00	264 90	____	4446 33
	------	23847 14	------	____	____	____	1686 21	1674 87	2772 45	____	2060 10	422 06	364 10	------	____	------

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	Superintendent and Post Office	Secretary and Post Office	No. Schools	No. Off. & Teach	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in Sunday School	Mos. Kept Open	Bap. from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total
Amis Chapel	A. G. Chandler, Virgilina, Va.	Eugene Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1	7	186	193	140	12	----	$23 89	$ 148 90	$36 11	$13 05	$ 221 95
Beulah	B. H. Oakley, Oxford, R. 1	Graham Jackson, Oxford, R. 6	1	8	108	200	60	12	23	25 30	64 57	75 10	15 00	169 97
Bullock	T. A. Royster, Bullock	Pearl Campbell, Bullock	1	----	----	----	80	12	10	25 00	------	----	----	25 00
Bethany	J. A. Malone, Moriah	----------	1	4	15	16	6	6	----	3 00	------	----	----	3 00
Concord	W. H. Daniel, Creedmoor	G. S. Morgan, Creedmoor	1	7	76	83	----	9	----	15 00	------	8 00	----	23 00
Creedmoor	E. O. Wheelers, Creedmoor	J. E. Hester, Creedmoor	1	10	90	100	----	12	----	65 00	37 00	63 65	10 00	175 65
Hesters	W. F. Hobgood, Oxford	B. W. Pruett, Oxford	1	7	145	152	----	12	----	20 00	10 60	105 32	42 06	177 98
Dexter	C. G. Satterwhite, Oxford, R. 5	Irket Nelson, Oxford, R. 5	1	7	73	80	50	12	9	13 00	28 39	10 03	21 22	73 94
Enon	J. L. Daniel, Oxford	De Frazier, Oxford	1	11	200	211	160	12	----	19 00	59 28	77 10	98 00	253 58
Fellowship	J. H. Perry, Creedmoor	Norman Keith, Creedmoor	1	8	65	90	45	9	----	12 00	------	14 00	----	46 90
Florence Avenue	J. T. Torain, Virgilina, Va.	F. E. Winfill, Virgilina, Va.	1	7	100	108	75	12	5	50 00	10 00	26 78	53 50	140 28
Island Creek	C. H. Sneed, Henderson	G. B. Shotwell, Stovall, R. 1	2	11	120	131	75	9	25	20 00	------	----	----	------
Knap of Reeds	S. F. Bullock, Lyons	----------	--	10	90	100	----	12	----	17 58	10 03	15 00	----	42 67
Knott's Grove	P. N. Tunstall, Oxford, R. 3	Annie Bell Dean, Oxford, R. 2	1	6	64	70	----	12	----	17 88	------	12 16	19 53	49 57
Mary's Chapel	A. J. Wilson, Creedmoor	Ewart Loyd, Creedmoor	1	6	44	50	----	--	----	6 86	------	----	----	6 86
Mount Harmony	L. P. Sherman, Timberlake	E. P. Tuck, Timberlake	1	6	----	----	----	6	2	3 00	------	----	----	3 00
Corinth	S. H. Usry, Oxford	Jessie Currin, Oxford	1	8	70	78	----	12	4	9 00	08	----	----	18 46
Mountain Creek	J. S. Watkins, Virgilina, Va.	D. A. Parham, Oxford, R. 7	1	15	210	225	188	12	2	40 00	225 85	32 57	53 26	351 68
Olive Grove	C. C. Perry, Northside	Miss Neda Perry, Northside	1	9	74	84	47	9	5	12 50	26 00	----	----	38 50
Mount Zion	E. H. Jones, Oxford	Archie Daniel, Berea	1	10	35	45	20	12	25	28 58	------	----	----	28 58
Grassy Creek	W. E. Yancey, Nelson, Va.	Roger Yancey, Nelson, Va.	--	5	120	125	----	9	----	20 00	70	13 70	34 00	67 70
Oxford	W. A. McFarland, Oxford	Roy Upchurch, Oxford	1	23	363	386	----	12	----	105 47	139 97	585 86	209 71	1014 01
Pleasant Grove	S. H. Mize, Hester	W. L. Adcock, Hester	1	7	118	125	75	9	----	17 00	------	----	----	24 51
Poplar Creek	H. B. Parrott, Henderson	A. G. Parrott, Henderson	1	5	31	36	20	12	7	6 92	6 94	----	----	12 86
Peace Chapel	H. A. Hight, Oxford, R. 3	Glennie Tippett, Kittrell, R. 2	1	8	70	78	60	12	8	10 00	9 50	----	----	19 50
Stovall	L. G. Puckett, Stovall	Mack Satterwhite, Stovall	--	7	60	67	50	12	----	10 00	43 77	6 59	1 00	61 36
Sharon	J. B. Elliott, Berea, R. 1	W. A. Sherman, Berea, R. 1	1	5	35	40	20	9	1	16 65	------	65	2 25	19 55
State Line	T. L. Sizemore, Soudan, Va.	Doley Cox, Soudan, Va.	--	6	35	46	25	6	----	10 00	------	----	----	10 00
Tally Ho	W. T. Currin, Oxford, R. 1	W. R. Mangum, Stem	--	9	60	69	----	12	----	9 30	34 75	9 60	30 00	73 65
Tabb's Creek	W. T. Blackwell, Oxford	J. G. Hobgood, Oxford	1	4	40	44	30	12	1	11 00	14 00	6 00	----	31 00
West Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	W. O. Wilson, Oxford	1	9	224	233	148	12	25	59 96	10 25	114 40	----	184 61

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Churches	Name of Organization, President, and Post Office.	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School	Training School	Other Objects	Total
Amis Chapel	W. M. S., Miss Lena Garner, Virgilina, Va.	40	$ 5 00	$ 6 95	$ 21 31	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 42 98	$ 76 20
Amis Chapel	Sunbeams, Miss Claudia Clark, Virgilina, Va.	56	6 25	------	15 00	----	----	10 00	------
Beulah	W. M. S., Mrs. J. T. Averett, Oxford, R. 6	20	18 70	13 80	14 35	----	10 40	------	57 25
Beulah	Sunbeams, Mrs. W. L. Currin, Hargrove	60	9 20	10 65	14 25	----	----	11 00	44 10
Creedmoor	W. M. S., Mrs. L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	18	11 50	16 05	30 00	----	----	12 40	69 95
Creedmoor	Y. W. A., Mrs. I. E. Harris, Creedmoor	----	------	------	------	----	----	------	------
Creedmoor	Sunbeams, W. H. Wood, Jr., Creedmoor	----	2 44	4 23	6 00	----	----	50	13 67
Concord	W. M. S., Ina Bell Coleman, Lyons	29	------	------	29 00	----	----	------	29 00
Dexter	W. M. S., Mrs. E. J. Green, Oxford	10	6 50	5 00	14 40	----	----	11 00	35 90
Dexter	Sunbeams, Miss Foy Green, Oxford	15	5 00	5 00	10 00	----	----	------	20 00
Dexter	Y. W. A., Mrs. T. B. Callis, Oxford	12	1 25	1 25	1 50	----	----	------	4 00
Enon	W. M. S., Miss Alma Ragland, Oxford	24	3 61	5 10	9 61	----	----	9 30	27 62
Enon	Sunbeams, Mrs. C. W. Knott, Oxford	42	2 00	2 00	4 75	----	----	3 00	11 75
Fellowship	----------	----	------	------	------	----	----	------	------
Florence Avenue	W. M. U., Mrs. W. D. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	20	12 00	46 00	42 00	----	----	12 00	112 00
Florence Avenue	Sunbeams, Mrs. W. T. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	15	------	5 00	5 00	----	----	------	10 00
Island Creek	W. M. U., Ellen Shotwell, Stovall, R. 1	25	10 00	10 00	------	----	----	------	------
Knap of Reeds	W. M. S., Mrs. Maud Tippett, Creedmoor	20	5 00	7 00	8 07	----	7 00	12 00	32 00
Knap of Reeds	Sunbeams, Miss Lillie Mae Tilley, Bahama	----	1 50	1 50	1 50	----	6 50	------	11 00
Knott's Grove	W. M. S., Mrs. S. W. Knott, Oxford	25	5 50	5 00	10 40	----	----	20 00	40 90
Knott's Grove	Sunbeams, Bessie M. Dean, Oxford	34	1 25	------	2 15	----	15 00	5 00	23 40
Mary's Chapel	W. M. S., Miss Lucy Wheelous, Creedmoor	15	25	4 35	2 00	----	75 00	47 00	139 00
Mary's Chapel	Sunbeams, Miss Lela Wheelous, Creedmoor	12	1 28	2 37	1 95	----	----	1 00	6 50
Corinth	W. M. S., Mrs. Fred Phipps, Henderson	19	4 00	2 00	11 05	----	----	11 00	29 20
Mountain Creek	W. M. S., Miss Clide Hart, Oxford, R. 7	25	12 20	10 00	47 00	----	4 00	11 50	84 70
Mountain Creek	Sunbeams, Miss Hettie Parham, Oxford, R. 7	30	4 00	3 50	5 00	----	----	------	12 50
Olive Grove	W. M. S., Miss Rosa Ragland, Oxford	50	14 00	6 00	41 00	----	----	11 00	45 00
Hesters	----------	----	------	------	------	----	----	------	11 80
Mount Zion	W. M. S., Mrs. Nat Baird, Oxford, R. 1	----	------	------	6 00	----	----	------	9 75
Grassy Creek	W. M. S., Mrs. S. W. Pittard, Nelson, Va.	25	6 00	12 70	6 00	----	----	------	------
Grassy Creek	Sunbeams, Maud Sizemore, Clarksville	----	2 88	3 00	6 00	----	----	------	11 80
Peace Chapel	----------	----	------	------	------	----	----	------	------
Stovall	W. M. S., Mrs. L. G. Puckett, Stovall	17	13 70	5 00	6 30	1 00	----	10 00	36 00
Sharon	----------	----	------	------	------	----	----	------	------
Tally Ho	W. M. S., Mrs. W. S. Gooch, Stem	----	3 30	1 12	27 95	----	----	2 50	40 57
Tally Ho	Sunbeams, Mrs. Naomy Honeycutt, Oxford, R. 6	----	------	------	------	----	1 00	7 00	8 00
State Line	----------	----	------	------	------	----	----	------	------
Oxford	W. M. S., Mrs. A. H. Powell, Oxford	80	125 00	155 00	203 00	----	10 00	182 50	675 50
Oxford	Y. W. A., Mrs. G. B. Phillips, Oxford	41	10 00	26 95	126 50	----	2 00	18 26	143 70
Oxford	Sunbeams, Mrs. J. D. Brooks, Oxford	68	3 00	5 00	5 00	----	1 25	------	14 25
Oxford	R. A., Miss Bernice Usry, Oxford	18	12 00	4 00	9 00	----	----	11 00	36 00
Oxford	Y. W. C. A. (Oxford College)	----	------	------	46 00	----	----	------	46 00

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CONSTITUTION FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association and, at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. D. Harte, Chairman.

G. T. Tunstall	B. F. Dean
H. T. Shanks	T. G. Currin

Member of Board of Missions.
Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. D. Harte.
Delegate to Baptist State Convention—Jere Reeves.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT SESSION

Missions—J. B. Currin.
Sunday Schools—C. A. Upchurch.
Orphanage—L. B. McFarland.
Periodicals—J. D. Harte.
Old Ministers—F. W. Hancock, Jr.
Family Worship—E. B. Meadows.
Christian Education—W. A. Devin.
Temperance—R. T. Blackwell.
Woman's Work—Mrs. W. H. Upchurch.
Obituaries—G. T. Tunstall.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

*L. M. Hobbs	Creedmoor, N. C.
E. G. Usry	Oxford, N. C.
Jere Reeves	Nelson, Va.
G. T. Tunstall	Oxford, N. C.
*J. B. Davis	Chapel Hill, N. C.
J. D. Harte	Oxford, N. C.
*R. E. Peele	Clarksville, Va.
*J. H. Bass	Roxboro, N. C.
C. A. Upchurch	Oxford, N. C.
*J. G. Davis	Wake Forest, N. C.
*S. L. Morgan	Henderson, N. C.
J. B. Currin	Oxford, N. C.
W. W. Reynolds	Virgilina, Va.
J. R. Pace	Ridgecrest, N. C.
Dr. R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.

Pastor Emeritus of Association.

*Absent

DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE ASSOCIATION

Tally Ho—W. J. Royster, J. E. Duncan, Herman Overby.
Rock Springs—A. J. Owen, B. F. Knott.
Bethany—J. T. Newton, J. A. Malone, S. J. Sweaney.
Tabb's Creek—W. N. Critcher, Melliord Brummitt, J. A. Belcher.
Hester's—L. F. Currin, H. S. Hart, B. F. Dean.
Olive Branch—
Marys Chapel—Graham Wilson, W. E. Loyd.
Knott's Grove—J. T. Bobbitt, J. F. Dean, W. S. Newton.
Florence Avenue—S. M. Torian, J. S. Pool, R. E. Amis.
Mount Harmony—H. O. Eakes, L. P. Sherman, G. W. Peed.
Bullock—B. T. Hicks, H. W. Davis, T. A. Royster.
Enon—J. T. Daniel, Taylor Hobgood, Hamilton Hester.
Dexter—E. A. Cottrell, E. J. Green, W. H. Nelson.
Island Creek—J. E. Jones, Mack Woody, J. N. Norwood.
Grassy Creek—D. T. Winston, W. E. Yancey, W. A. Boyd.
Creedmoor—
Poplar Creek—R. E. Wilkinson, E. C. Parrott.
Stovall—T. H. Tingen, R. L. Currin, E. M. Hart.
New Light—J. B. Sherron, T. C. Ray, T. E. Sikes.
West Oxford—W. E. Gupton, David Long, H. G. McDonald.
Sharon—W. A. Sherman, J. K. Long, P. G. Ritchett.
Mountain Creek—R. T. Blackwell, J. S. Watkins, R. T. Eakes.
Knap of Reeds—S. F. Bullock, Frank Kelly, Armed Tilley.
Pleasant Grove—W. N. Fuller, J. A. Catlett, W. H. Fuller.
Fellowship—J. H. Perry.
State Line—C. C. Carlton, Fred Jones, J. B. Royster.
Oxford—R. M. Currin, Dr. F. P. Hobgood, J. C. Howard.
Peace Chapel—L. B. Newton, N. B. Dickerson.
Olive Grove—W. T. Perry, W. B. Connelly, Arthur Brinkley.
Corinth—D. W. Eakes, Jesse Currin, S. H. Usry.
Amis Chapel—R. S. Hart, J. L. Garner, R. T. Pittard.
Beulah—J. N. Watkins, M. L. Oakley, J. T. Hobgood.
Mount Zion—
Concord—W. H. Averett, W. B. Clark, D. P. Coley.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR SESSION OF 1920

Wednesday Morning

10:00 to 10:30—Organization and Enrollment of Delegates.
10:30 to 11:30—Periodicals.
11:30 to 12:30—Orphanage.

Afternoon

12:30 to 2:00—Recess.
2:00 to 2:15—Miscellaneous.
2:15 to 3:00—Sunday Schools.
3:00 to 4:00—Education.
4:00 to 4:30—Ministerial Relief.

Evening

Introductory Services.

Thursday Morning

9:00 to 9:20—Devotional Exercises.
9:20 to 9:50—Roll Call.
9:50 to 12:00—Missions.
12:00 to 1:00—Woman's Work.

Afternoon

1:00 to 2:30—Recess.
2:30 to 2:45—Miscellaneous.
2:45 to 3:15—Temperance.
3:15 to 3:30—Family Worship.
3:30 to 4:00—Digest of Church Letters.
4:00 to 4:15—Obituaries.

Proceedings

Oxford, N. C., October 13, 1920.

The Flat River Association met in its 127th annual session with Mountain Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 13, 1920. The body was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. E. B. Meadows. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. D. Harte. A roll call of churches showed that 25 churches were represented. The Moderator stated that he had served as Moderator for two years and asked that some one else be elected for this incoming session. Rev. G. T. Tunstall was placed in nomination by Rev. Jere Reeves. J. S. Watkins was nominated by Dr. R. H. Marsh.

A count of ballots showed that J. S. Watkins had received 23 votes, and G. T. Tunstall 22. Brother Watkins was declared elected. Motion by C. A. Upchurch that G. T. Tunstall be instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for E. G. Usry to succeed himself as Clerk. Motion carried. Motion by J. D. Harte that Jere Reeves be instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for J. N. Watkins for Treasurer. Motion carried.

The organization being thus completed Rev. G. T. Tunstall, who was appointed at last session to preach the introductory sermon, was called to the pulpit by the Moderator. Brother Tunstall chose for his subject "Soul Winning." Text: Proverbs, 11th chapter and 30th verse. The sermon—well prepared and well-delivered, timely and appropriate—was deeply appreciated by the congregation.

Motion by Dr. Marsh that order of business arranged at last Association be adopted. Motion carried.

Being dismissed with prayer by Rev. C. A. Upchurch, the Association adjourned for dinner.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Opened with prayer by W. W. Reynolds. Music by Mountain Creek quartette. Motion by Dr. F. P. Hobgood that a committee of three be appointed to investigate advisability of churches sending ladies as well as men as delegates to the Association. Motion by Dr. Marsh that Dr. Hobgood's motion be tabled; Dr. Marsh's motion carried.

The following visiting brethren recognized: Dr. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College; Arch Johnson, Editor of Charity and Children; Rev. J. W. Harris, representing Biblical Recorder; Rev. C. L. Dowell, of Franklinton, and J. W. Daniel of Franklinton.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

"Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

"Whosoever shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me."

Christianity is essentially altruistic. It is preeminently a religion of SERVICE.

It is said that Dean Swift on one occasion was suddenly called on to preach a sermon on Christian Giving; and for brevity and effectiveness it has never been surpassed. It was: "'He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.' Brethren, if you like the security, down with the dust!"

If one has faith in the teachings of the New Testament there is no escape from our duty in this respect. To fail in doing it is an "offense" to our Lord and Saviour, and to those "little ones" whom He has entrusted to our care. Has He not said in most specific and emphatic language that it were better for a man that a millstone be tied about his neck, and that he be cast into the midst of the sea, than that he should "offend one of these little ones?" When we come to think of it, is it not a terrible thing, —this failing to live up to our responsibility! Our duty to care for them is as plain as language can make it; and, our failure to meet it is adjudged a penalty as solemn and as awful as the sentence of a state judge when he said: "He shall be hanged about the neck until he is dead." But the penalty for failing to meet

our responsibilities towards these "little ones" seems to be more awful than this, for it is "BETTER" to be hanged, or drowned, than to offend them.

The most of us want to do right. The trouble is, we do not take time to think what our duty is; nor do we appreciate the love of Christ, nor realize the awfulness of His judgments. Is it a lack of faith in the "Word of God?" Is is indifference? I rather think it is just thoughtlessness. Brethren, this may excuse us in our own minds, and in the minds of our friends; but do we realize that we are due for an awful awakening some day?

What can we do to assist? Why, the most practical and most practicable way is to give the money that will enable those who are giving their entire time to this work. It is not necessary that each shall give much. Suppose every S. S. teacher, officer and child in North Carolina were to give 5 cents a Sunday during this year to this cause, what a sum it would be, and how many little children it would clothe and feed! Last year there were 667 who applied, and only 69 were taken in. Just did not have the equipment or the money to take more. Perhaps not all of these 667 should have been admitted had there been room, for where relatives are in position to provide and give homes for children they should not be in orphanages; but think how little *from each one* of us Baptists in North Carolina would have been ample to have cared for these 600 "that were left." Some of us—many of us—will have a terribly hard question put to us some day because of this. Is it I? May I not suggest that in our Association this year Every Teacher, Officer, and Scholar resolve to give 5 cents a Sunday at least for this cause? We could just as easily give 10 cents. Let's do that!

Some facts about the Orphanage would no doubt be of interest. The first child received was November 11, 1885. Since then 2,000 have been taken care of!

Number of children at Thomasville 440; at Kennedy Home 87	527
Children received since November 15, 1885	2,000
*Daily cost for the support of each child	55c
Monthly cost per child	$16 43
Monthly cost per child six years ago	$8 35
Annual cost per child	$197 14
Daily cost for the support of 527 children	$289 85

*This includes: three meals, clothing, shoes, house furnishing, school supplies, lights, power, fuel, insurance, medicine, medical attention, laundry, etc.

Farm products made and consumed	$9,457 95
Dairy products made and consumed	$21,565 59
Milk 47,532 gallons @ 40c	$19,012 80
Number applications for year	667
Profit Kennedy Home farm	$5,065 63
Profit Charity and Children	$7,910 01
Total value property June, 1920	$535,467 00
Total insurance on equipment	$102,550 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. SHAW,
For the Committee.

Discussed by Arch Johnson, C. A. Upchurch, H. M. Shaw, R. H. Marsh. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

This is a great day for schools. At no other period of the world's history has there been such an educational awakening as we are witnessing today. All schools of whatever grade, primary, grammar, high school, college, University, are full to overflowing and at least two thousand boys and girls have failed to get into college for the lack of room. The colleges of the state for boys and girls have enrolled this fall not less than 10,000 pupils. The enrollment of the high schools that are the people's college has reached about 25,000. The total enrollment in all American colleges last year was 130,000; this year 250,000. This survey does not include pupils in public schools below the grade of high schools. These high schools last year sent out 3,000 graduates, ready to enter college. In four years from now these high schools that are just coming into their own will send out 60,000 graduates, many of whom will seek entrance into our colleges. What shall we do with them and for them. Our present school facilities, building and equipment that are barely sufficient now, will be wholly inadequate to the needs five years hence. There is the highest obligation possible on the state and our Christian denominations to better themselves and erect and equip as rapidly as possible buildings to care for these boys and girls.

All this is heartening in the highest degree to a teacher who entered the profession soon after the close of the Civil War when the total number of boys and girls in college did not exceed 8,000, —when there was not a graded school in North Carolina; when the high school was still far in the future; when the burden of speakers at an association or public gathering was answering the

objections to education, yes, objections to education, and trying to arouse interest. Now the boys and girls are earnestly knocking at our doors, but we cannot open to them.

The causes of this wonderful awakening are not far to seek. In the first place the great material prosperity enjoyed by all classes, farmers, mechanics, professional men has made it possible for parents to give their children more schooling than ever before. While the prosperity has elevated the plane of living, making as necessities what a few years before were regarded as luxuries to be enjoyed by the few rich and well-to-do. Comfortable homes, supplied with modern conveniences for the good wife, such as cooking ranges, electric lighting, running water in the house, more comfortable clothing, and the auto for transporting the family to church and Sunday school and to see the neighbors, they are yet using this material prosperity for educating their children, for opening up before them a wider sphere of usefulness. for rendering them more useful citizens and giving them a happier life.

For education does broaden the vision, it does render more efficient. But we must not lay too great stress upon material efficiency, cultivating the body and the intellect to the neglect of the spiritual part of our nature. A man so developed becomes a danger and a menace to society. To quote from President Hibben, of Princeton University, in an address at the inauguration of President Chase as President of our University: "Any education, which has for its end merely intellectual efficiency, can never redeem the world. The nation whose educational system reached the highest point of efficiency known to men met defeat and humiliation through the uprising of all the nations of the world because that efficiency was essentially materialistic, selfish and arrogantly scornful of the ideals and rights of mankind. If education is to stand the test of the new conditions and new needs of the world, it must preserve at the heart of all human ambition and endeavor the spirit of high idealism."

In other words, any system of education that like the German of set purpose leaves out the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, that places might above right, that magnifies war and war makers, that changes the Beatitude from "Blessed are the peace makers" to "Blessed are the war makers," and does not have for its chief aim the formation and development of lofty Christian character, is dangerous in the extreme and is liable to set the world on fire again.

Who must give this education, who must be the teachers of our youth; for like teacher, like pupil—men of lofty character whose ideals are those of Jesus of Nazareth, whose life breathes the

spirit of Jesus—the spirit of obedience, of sacrifice, of helpfulness.

It is cheerfully and gladly admitted that these qualifications for teachers of youth are found, I believe, in a preeminent degree in the faculty of our great University, and so far as I know in the faculty of the A. & E. These institutions are splendidly equipped with libraries, scientific apparatus of every kind. The faculties are able and accomplished, and our University has great prestige. And the best influences possible are thrown around the students; and many great and good men, towers of strength in the upbuilding of our state have gone forth from her halls and groves. If all this be true, why should Christian men of all denominations feel it to be their duty to endow colleges for the education of their children, at the same time cheerfully paying taxes for the support of the state schools? To take a concrete case: what advantage to our children and to our denomination is there in endowing and equipping Wake Forest College?

Our advantage is that the existence of the institution binds Baptists in one great brotherhood, our hearts all drawn together around this child of many prayers, tears and sacrifice. It is absolutely necessary to the continued spread of the principles which we hold to be the teachings of the New Testament—concerning which their can be no means of compromise.

A Baptist church is the only pure democracy in the world. I remember going out with the sainted Stradley to help organize Beulah Church. I was asked to preside. Brother Stradley read the church covenant to which about two dozen Christian men and women with letters from surrounding churches subscribed. They elected deacons, called a pastor, and were a regularly organized Baptist church, all within the space of an hour. Authority to organize was not derived from a Synod or Presbytery or Bishop.

Much I think in the second place is gained in a distinctively Christian college, whose officers are men of positive faith and practice with the ideals of Jesus—of obedience, of helpfulness, of deep-toned piety. The prime object of such an institution is the development of character. Its whole program looks to this end. At stated times it suspends temporarily its literary activities to engage in evangelistic services in which the effort is made to bring young men to a decision of what they will do with Jesus.

In the third place the college as a college engages in Sunday school work, the students and faculty studying the Bible together.

In the fourth place it offers courses in Bible study under trained teachers, giving credit for degrees for the work done.

In the fifth place it has the training of our young ministers

under its charge, nearly 100 now, both those who expect to take a Seminary course, and the still larger number who will go at once after graduation into the pastorate.

It is hardly possible for a boy in the formative period of his life to spend four years in such a spiritual atmosphere without a marked and permanent effect upon his character.

If you could in any way withdraw the influence of our denominational colleges for North Carolina you would leave the state poor indeed in its spiritual life.

On the contrary, if the sweet influences of these colleges could have been felt in Germany, if she had a Wake Forest, a Davidson, a Trinity, an Elon, a Guilford; if she had a Salem College, a Greensboro Woman's College, a St. Mary's, a Chowan, a Peace Institute, a Meredith, a Louisburg College, an Oxford College, purifying and sweetening and softening their social life, she would not have precipitated the great war and deluged the world in blood.

If Christian men and women would prevent a recurrence of another, they must bend their energies in spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus, as the most effectual way—indeed the only way is through preachers who have been trained in Christian colleges; for how shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher?

F. P. HOBGOOD.

Discussed by author and W. L. Poteat. Adopted.

Motion by Rev. J. D. Harte that Association adjourn until Thursday at 9 a. m.

Thursday Morning Session

Religious exercise, conducted by Rev. Jere Reeves.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK 1920

Since the last meeting of the Flat River Association at Creedmoor July, 1919, the Woman's Missionary Union has held two meetings, one at Tally Ho September, 1919, and one in Oxford September, 1920. A little over a year ago when we met at Tally Ho, the plans for the 75 Million Campaign were being launched. From the inspiration of that meeting, we gladly entered into the task of organizing, enlisting, informing, and leading the women of our association to prayer and service. A W. M. U. Director was appointed in every church and most of these went happily to

work following the campaign plans. During October and November the Superintendent, officers, and other workers visited most of the churches and held meetings with the women, girls and children.

A number of new societies were organized and new members added to societies already organized.

The W. M. U. Victory Pageant was presented in a dozen of our churches by the Oxford College girls, the Oxford Girls Auxiliary, and the young people of Creedmoor and Virgilina. The Woman's Missionary Union was apportioned one-fifth of the 75 Million. Flat River's allotment was $175,000 and $35,000 was the share of the women, girls and children. When the reports came in, their subscriptions amounted to $37,292.77 and only 20 churches sent in Women's Missionary Union reports. The plan of the 75 Million Campaign Commission is that all the gifts of the women and children be credited to the W. M. U. as well as to the church. If we follow the plan, it is necessary that when the campaign money is collected, the amounts given by our women and children be reported each quarter to our State W. M. U. Secretary, because if we do not, it will appear that the women of Flat River have failed to meet their obligations.

Other states and other associations are so reporting. Why should not North Carolina and the Flat River do so? and thus be in line and harmony with the general plan of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Women's Missionary meeting held in Oxford last September was one of our very best, the keynote being "That in all things, He might have the preeminence." This Scripture is the watchword of our Southern Women's Missionary Union.

In the Flat River Association there are 45 Missionary Societies, 21 Women's Missionary Societies, 4 Young Women's Auxiliaries, 2 Girls' Auxiliaries, 17 Sunbeam Bands and 1 Royal Ambassador Chapter. During the year September, 1919—September 1920, their gifts to all mission objects was $6,103.85, three times the amount given the previous year. For the 15 months since July, 1919, the amount was $6,727.95. These figures represent the amounts reported each quarter to our Secretary. Had all that has been given by the women and children been reported, the financial report would be much larger. At least 400 mission magazines are taken by the members of our societies. 20 societies made class distinction on the Standard of Excellence. We had 8 mission study classes using as text books Romance of Missions in Niagara, The Moffatts, A crusade of Compassion for the Healing of the Nations, Stewardship and Missions, and Ann of Ava. During

the year 23 churches have been visited, and 1,200 miles traveled in the interest of missions.

The final success of the 75 Million Campaign depends largely on the efficiency of our missionary societies. A missionary society exists for the carrying out of the "Great Commission" through the gift of money, prayer and self. Our societies meet each month, have a devotional service, and a definite missionary program. We emphasize Bible and mission study, and united prayer for our missionaries and their work. We urge our members to subscribe for and read the mission magazines and denominational papers. Perhaps our greatest work is that of teaching and training the children and young people in mission through thought and giving. Missionary information must precede missionary enthusiasm, and a life is worth more than anything else. Another part of our plan is that personal service for those of our communities in spiritual or temporal need. Finally our societies stand for regular, liberal giving of money for the Lord's work.

Believing in God's ownership and man's stewardship, realizing that we are not our own, joyously and full of faith we W. M. U. workers desire to serve the world in our day, and to glorify our Lord yet more and more till we have attained to the fulness of His stature, and have entered through the gates of God into His eternal city.

MRS. JOHN WEBB,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

When this Association met in Oxford in 1918 our country was in a world war. Now we have entered post bellum days and are facing post bellum opportunities and post bellum responsibilities as well.

The war has closed, but its closing has opened to us many new doors of opportunities and responsibilities. Barriers have been burned away. Autocracy and plutocracy have given way to democracy, prejudice of long standing and deeply rooted has taken to itself wings and flown away, and the Macedonian cry is heard from all lands begging us to do our best, our very best. And we can accomplish more than ever before. Take an illustration: Belgium, brave Belgium, lay bleeding and devastated; she had thrown herself in the way of the cruel giant and had stayed his progress; then she lay bleeding and dying. But she held the foe till France could prepare for war, then the allied armies aided by the Uni-

ted States drove the enemy back. Now, she says to the United States: You freed us and you fed us. Belgium then acknowledges her gratitude and her obligation to the United States. And that gives to us the privilege of leading Belgium, if we will, to higher and better things for this life and the other.

Russia, that world empire, with Czar Nicholas, the wealthiest man in the world, with her internal form of government in chaotic confusion, she awaits some man strong enough and magnetic enough to unify these several provinces into one democratic form of government. The people are ready for it. And that means much for us, a golden day of opportunity for a democratic people religiously. And Germany! yes, Germany, our erstwhile foe. May we have grace enough as President Wilson had gumption to declare the principle of fair dealing with Germany. Where can we find a finer field to exemplify Christ's teachings of forgiveness and kind dealings to our enemies? We can place coals of fire on Germany's head. Dr. Gambrell, in his articles in the Religious Herald, has told of the possibilities of the fields white to the harvest, declaring his conviction that Germany, with her Baptist schools and faithful men, together with Russia was Baptist territory with the most inviting prospects of unlimited possibilities. These two countries alone have possibilties and promises of immediate success sufficient to challenge all the resources of Southern Baptists. Yes, look at the field. Look at it! There remains China with her 400 millions of unsaved people; Japan, with her 70 millions, and Africa with her 150 millions; and Italy with 30 millions; and Latin America with her 75 millions. For these many millions, as incomprehensible to our minds as the distances to the stars, we have 341 Foreign Missionaries aided by 979 native missionaries. But what are these among so many?

HOME MISSIONS

This is a subject second only in importance to Foreign Missions, if, indeed, it does not loom up as one of the first magnitude. Light varies inversely as the square of the distance. If this law of physics be applied to the spiritual realm, then it follows we must keep our fires burning brightly at home if they are to shine across the waters. A cannon must be 100 times heavier than the shell it shoots; if, therefore, we hope to shoot our shell of influence into the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa we must have a strong and heavy cannon at home to do the shooting. Our home territory is the base of supplies, when these run low there is suffering and weakness on the frontiers. Keep strong at home and we can be strong abroad. Evangelize these great and growing Southern

cities now the offing with the pulse beat of the world's commerce so that they will continue the spiritual interests along with the commercial; evangelize this whole southern territory both city and country and a new star will rise in the now darkening skies like unto the star of Bethlehem that first brought Hope into the world. The South is a mighty giant, but until now, a sleeping giant. When it fully awakes and shakes himself the whole world will tremble with a new awakening. Lastly we will consider

STATE MISSIONS

when each state plans and works for her own redemption, and then all together for the redemption of the world. The object of State Missions is two-fold. First to do real missionary work on unevangelized territory. That of course is the prime object. But there is a second object that must not be neglected, viz: the maintenance of old churches that were once healthy and strong, but for unavoidable reasons have become weakened and dependent, and must in a short while be forsaken unless they can be helped in the time of their extremity. The state board extends the helping hand, and presently this almost dead and forsaken church takes on new life and blossoms out into a new beauty. Now in her resuscitated activity she becomes the good Samaritan and helps others. Finally, brethren, we face the crisis of a mighty hour. A crisis is always stronger and more imperative than an opportunity. An opportunity may become a crisis, but a crisis is always an opportunity; a world, a dying world, calls to us for help out of their darkness, death into light and life. And the world calls now as never before. Hence the crisis, more imperative than an opportunity.

W. W. REYNOLDS.

Discussed by W. W. Reynolds and Walter N. Johnson. Adopted.

Dismissed for dinner with prayer by W. W. Reynolds.

Thursday Afternoon Session

By motion C. A. Upchurch was granted three minutes to discuss the motion on receiving women delegates into the Association.

Bro. J. D. Harte offered the following resolution to the Mountain Creek Church for their kind hospitality:

Resolved: That the thanks of the Flat River Association are hereby tendered to the Mountain Creek Church and community for the gracious and bountiful hospitality that they have extended during the sessions of the Association. We record this as one of the best sessions in the history of the body. And in large measure this is due to the physical comforts afforded the delegates and visitors by this good community.

J. D. HARTE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION

The following is the report of your committee:

Inasmuch as there hasn't been any call for the Association for next year, we, your committee, request that the matter of place be left to the executive committee. Introductory sermon: Rev. W. W. Reynolds, Virgilina, Va.; alternate, Rev. J. B. Currin. Monday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1921. Since the above report the Association has been invited by Mount Zion Church.

B. F. DEAN,
R. T. BLACKLEY,
J. E. DUNCAN,
Committee.

Motion by C. A. Upchurch that Clerk be allowed $25.00 for his services and have all the minutes printed that funds will allow. Motion carried.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. We are told not to look on the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, for at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

It pulls man down from the high place in which God intended he should stand.

Therefore be it Resolved:

That we will do all in our power to destroy the use of it, for the good of the people and the church of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
J. I. GORDON.

Discussed by author.

The Treasurer reported $102.60 received for Minute

Fund and $20.13 for Sunday School Missions. Report adopted.

Motion by J. D. Harte that Association adjourn to meet at Mount Zion on Wednesday after the second Sunday in October, 1921.

Received by Baptism, 1919	376
Received by Baptism, 1920	617
Gain	241

Total contribution, 1919	$ 36,295.63
Total contribution, 1920	66,036.21

Woman's Missionary Union

The eleventh annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Flat River Association was held on Thursday, September 2, 1920, at 3:30 p. m., with the Oxford Baptist Church.

At the appointed time, Mrs. Webb, the Superintendent, called the meeting to order with hymn, "Jesus shall reign." The devotions were led by Mrs. Webb. Scripture reading followed by prayer by Mrs. Amis, of Virgilina, and closing with hymn, "Take my life and let it be." The words of greeting were given by Mrs. A. H. Powell, President of the Oxford W. M. U. Enrollment was next taken up, numbering 20 at first meeting.

Next came the Sunbeam Session presided over by Miss Sadie Parham, associational Sunbeam leader. First was the report of the Junior Superintendent, then roll call of Sunbeam delegates. This was concluded with interesting exercises by the West Oxford Band.

Mrs. Webb then appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Amis, Mrs. Titus Currin, Miss Floy Daniel, Mrs. W. W. Weldon, Mrs. W. T. Lee.

Literature Committee: Mrs. L. G. Puckett, Miss Bessie Daniel, Miss Lily May Tilley.

Announcements were then made and after prayer by Rev. C. A. Upchurch, meeting adjourned until 8 p. m.

Thursday Evening

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the W. M. U. re-assembled in church where an entertaining program was given by the Oxford Sunbeams. This was followed by the annual sermon by Rev. W. C. Tyree, of Greenwood, Miss. This fine discourse was delivered in Dr. Tyree's usual spiritual and scholarly style. The services were closed with prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Harte.

Friday Morning

The meeting was opened at 10:30 Friday morning with hymn, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove." The devotions were led by Mrs. Torian, of Virgilina, Mrs. W. N. Jones leading in prayer. The keynote of Mrs. Torian's talk was "for Jesus' sake," closing with the Lord's Prayer in concert. After this the enrollment was continued, numbering 20 up to noon session. Reports from W. M. U.'s were then heard, also group leaders. The Superintendent's report was short, but full of good cheer and encouragement.

The campaign program was then taken up as follows:

1. Collecting and reporting pledges—Mrs. Hobbs, read by Mrs. J. C. Howard in Mrs. Hobbs' absence.
2. Reaching unenlisted church—Mrs. W. D. Amis.
3. Why we should have a Mission Study Class—Mrs. W. H. Upchurch.
4. A larger circulation of Mission magazines—Mrs. W. W. Weldon.

This was followed by a beautiful duet by Mrs. B. E. Parham and Mrs. C. A. Upchurch. Then came the address by our State President, Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, N. C., who discussed with much interest and benefit to her hearers, the different points in our Standard of Excellence.

After announcements by the President, meeting adjourned for lunch at the church.

Friday Afternoon

The meeting opened at 2 p. m. with hymn, "Revive us again." The afternoon was devoted to Young Woman's and Girls' Auxiliaries, Miss Mabel Parham presiding. It was opened with hymn, "Publish Glad Tidings." The devotions were conducted by Miss Ruth Shaw, followed with prayer by Mrs. C. A. Upchurch.

Reports from Y. W. A. and G. A. societies were heard, also from the superintendents. A talk on attainment of Standard of Excellence was given by Mrs. G. B. Phillips. Miss Martha Sizemore then gave an interesting talk on the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville. This was followed by exercises by the Girl's Auxiliary of Oxford. On conclusion of this program, Mrs. Webb took the chair and reports of committees were heard as follows: Time and Place—No special invitation being given, motion was carried to leave this to the Executive Committee.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

The following members have gone to their reward since our last meeting:

Mrs. L. B. Tuck, Mrs. R. E. Amis, Florence Ave.; Mrs. James Blackley, Tally Ho; Mrs. Lonnie Evans, Oxford.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS BEN CURRIN,
MRS. D. C. FRAZIER

Committee on Literature reported 7 subscriptions.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. We, the Committee on Resolutions, wish to express our deepest gratitude and warmest appreciation for the kindness and hospitality shown us by the W. M. U. of the Oxford Baptist Church.

2. We wish to express our gratitude to the pastor and his wife and to all the ladies connected with the work, for their welcome and the hospitality which they have shown us.

3. We wish to express our appreciation of the delightful lunch served.

4. We wish that a copy of the resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Union.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. M. TORIAN,
MRS. L. H. KNOTT,
MRS. W. S. RICHARDSON,
Committee.

Committee on Ministers reported as follows:

Superintendent ---------- Mrs. W. H. Upchurch
Assistant Superintendent ---------- Mrs. A. H. Powell
Secretary and Treasurer ---------- Mrs. C. D. Ray
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer ---------- Mrs. F. B. Blalock
Superintendent of Sunbeams ---------- Miss Sadie Parham
Assistant Superintendent ---------- Mrs. John Mayes
Superintendent of Y. W. C. A. ---------- Miss Pearl Taylor
Group leaders—Mrs. J. J. Reynolds, Mrs. C. A. Upchurch, Mrs. D. C. Frazier, Mrs. S. W. Pittard, Mrs. L. M. Hobbs, Mrs. S. W. Knott.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. D. AMIS,
MRS. TITUS CURRIN,
MISS FLOY DANIEL,
MRS. W. W. WELDON,
MRS. W. T. LEE.

It was known with sorrow that our dear Superintendent could not serve another year, and much regret was expressed at the closing minutes of the meeting over this fact. After an earnest prayer by Mrs. Webb the meeting adjourned.

MRS. C. D. RAY,
Secretary.

List of Visitors and Delegates

Name	Church
Mrs. J. L. Garner	Amis' Chapel
Mrs. R. C. Garner	Amis' Chapel
Mrs. Harris	Amis' Chapel
Mrs. Rosa Parham	Beulah
Mrs. D. W. Eakes	Corinth
Mrs. J. A. Overton	Corinth
Mrs. R. L. Overton	Corinth
Miss Lucy Royster	Dexter
Miss Ina Gooch	Enon
Mrs. Titus Currin	Enon
Mrs. Len Knott	Enon
Mrs. D. C. Frazier	Enon
Miss Grace Currin	Enon
Mrs. F. Y. Currin	Florence Avenue
Mrs. W. D. Amis	Florence Avenue
Mrs. Tucksie Amis	Florence Avenue
Mrs. L. S. Sizemore	Grassy Creek
Mrs. B. F. Currin	Hesters
Mrs. Rosa Ragland	Hesters
Mrs. J. Kinton	Hesters
Mrs. A. G. Bullock	Knap of Reeds
Miss Lizzie Mae Tilley	Knap of Reeds
Mrs. Bessie Daniel	Knap of Reeds
Mrs. Rosa Walker	Knap of Reeds
Mrs. Armed Tilley	Knap of Reeds
Mrs. C. L. Wheeler	Knap of Reeds
Mrs. S. W. Knott	Knott's Grove
Mrs. J. F. Newton	Knott's Grove
Mrs. A. H. Powell	Oxford
Mrs. John Webb	Oxford
Mrs. F. B. Blalock	Oxford
Mrs. S. H. Cannady	Oxford
Miss Sadie Parham	Oxford
Miss Pearl Taylor	Oxford
Mrs. G. B. Phillips	Oxford
Miss Effie Lee	Oxford
Miss Mary Webb	Oxford
Miss Ruth Bryan	Oxford
Mrs. N. L. Gillis	Stovall
Mrs. W. W. Weldon	Stovall
Mrs. E. A. Jackson	Stovall

Name	Church
Mrs. W. S. White	Stovall
Mrs. J. E. Lumpkin	Stovall
Mrs. Puckett	Stovall
Mrs. J. W. Dean	Stovall
Mrs. R. H. O'Brien	Stovall
Miss Lily Kimball	Rock Spring
Mrs. W. S. Richardson	Rock Spring
Mrs. T. J. Richardson	Rock Spring
Mrs. W. S. Stark	Rock Spring
Mrs. W. N. Jones	Raleigh
Miss Floyd Daniel	Tally Ho
Miss Bessie Daniel	Tally Ho
Mrs. J. H. Daniel	Tally Ho
Miss Mamie Daniel	Tally Ho
Mrs. H. C. Crowell	Virgilina, Va.
Mrs. Torian	Virgilina, Va.
Mrs. Reynolds	Virgilina, Va.

Table I. STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Post Office	Clerk and Post Office	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
					Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death			
Amis Chapel	Jere Reeves, Nelson, Va.	E. D. Frazier, Virgilina, Va.	1st	$ 3,620	20	3	----	28	5	4	100	122	222
Beulah	E. G. Usry, Oxford	G. W Royster, Oxford, R. 6	1-4	------	57	8	6	11	----	3	101	115	216
Bullock	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	T. A. Royster, Bullock		------	12	----	----	3	----	2	65	76	138
Bethany	J. B. Currin, Oxford	A. J. Tilley, Rougemont	2nd	700	----	----	----	----	----	----	19	39	58
Concord	L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	C. C. Currin, Northside	2nd	1,200	4	----	----	2	12	1	58	66	124
Creedmoor	L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	E. K. Morris, Creedmoor	1-4	2,000	23	10	1	10	----	----	----	----	141
Corinth	G. T Tunstall, Oxford	C. R. Gordon, Oxford, R. 2	3rd	3,000	22	8	2	8	----	2	55	82	138
Dexter	E. G. Usry, Oxford	E. J. Green, Oxford	3rd	1,200	14	18	----	----	6	----	67	74	141
Enon	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	R. L. Daniel, Oxford, R. 1	2-4	15,000	23	10	----	20	1	1	128	134	262
Florence Avenue	W. W. Reynolds, Virgilina	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	1-3	3,000	5	----	----	5	1	4	44	64	108
Fellowship	J. B. Davis, Chapel Hill	J. W. Keith, Creedmoor	3rd	500	21	4	3	2	----	2	60	102	162
Grassy Creek	Jere Reeves, Nelson, Va.	D. T. Winston, Virgilina, Va.	4th	3,500	2	2	1	21	2	2	130	142	272
Hesters	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	M. G. Brooks, Oxford	2-4	10,000	78	17	2	6	----	1	182	209	391
Island Creek	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	H. T. Shanks, Henderson R. 7	4th	1,000	41	6	----	15	1	5	203	220	423
Knap of Reeds	J. H. Bass, Roxboro	Armed Tilley, Bahama	4th	3,000	11	7	1	3	1	3	73	83	156
Knott's Grove	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	J. W. Dean, Oxford, R. 2	3rd	4,000	13	2	1	5	1	----	52	61	113
Mary's Chapel	L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	R. E. Jackson, Creedmoor	1st	1,500	1	1	----	1	----	----	59	34	133
Mt. Harmony	J. B. Currin, Oxford	J. R. Jones, Moriah	3rd	700	11	----	----	1	2	----	----	----	----
Mt'n. Creek	Jere Reeves, Nelson, Va.	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, R. 7	3rd	10,000	23	7	4	10	4	4	147	168	315
Mt. Zion	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	E. D. Gooch, Oxford, R. 1	1st	6,000	23	7	1	11	----	1	83	93	175
New Light	J. G. Davis, Wake Forest	W. N. Ray, Wake Forest	2nd	250000	----	----	----	----	----	----	16	28	44
Olive Grove	J. B. Davis, Chapel Hill	W. B. Connelly, Northside	1st	750	25	1	----	7	----	1	85	103	188
Olive Branch	J. R. Pace, Ridgecrest	C. A. Stovall, Virgilina, Va.	2nd	2,600	14	3	1	----	3	----	52	73	125
Oxford	J. D. Harte, Oxford	W. H. Upchurch, Oxford	Ev.	45,000	5	60	----	10	1	3	289	377	666
Pleasant Grove	L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	R. O. Smith, Creedmoor	4th	1,500	27	3	----	5	6	1	143	160	303
Peace Chapel	E. G. Usry, Oxford	C. C. Tippett, Oxford, R. 3	4th	1,275	11	9	2	6	----	4	72	91	163
Poplar Creek	S. L. Morgan, Henderson	J. L. Capps, Henderson R. 5	1st	2,000	10	----	1	2	----	1	46	50	96
Rock Spring	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	E. J. Knott, Clarksville, Va.	3rd	4,000	19	----	----	4	----	----	109	111	220
Stovall	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	E. M. Hart, Oxford, R. 5	2nd	1,500	39	9	1	3	1	2	115	147	262
Sharon	E. G. Usry, Oxford	W. A. Sherman, Berea	1st	1,000	8	3	----	1	----	2	47	55	102
State Line	R. I. Peele, Clarksville, Va.	Robt. Ramsey, Soudan, Va.		2,000	6	6	2	3	----	2	42	51	93
Tally Ho	L. M. Hobbs, Creedmoor	W. H. Mangum, Stem	3rd	------	34	1	1	11	1	1	98	160	258
Tabb's Creek	G. T. Tunstall, Oxford	M. W. Critcher, Oxford	3rd	1,000	15	----	----	2	----	2	69	74	143
West Oxford	C. A. Upchurch, Oxford	W. E. Gupton, Oxford	1-3	7,000	7	6	----	8	----	----	----	----	157

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Table II FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75 Million (Undesignated)	State and Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Hospitals	TOTAL
Amis Chapel	$450 00	-------	$ 9 85	------	$184 06	$6 00	$230 74	$978 80	$172 58	$ 5 00	------	------	$ 32 20	------	------	------	$ 2479 93
Beulah	400 00	-------	------	------	-------	------	193 86	525 00	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	1118 80
Bullock	375 00	-------	195 00	30 00	-------	------	-------	340 00	------	------	------	------	183 00	------	------	------	1123 00
Bethany	149 25	2 25	79 75	------	-------	2 70	-------	105 50	------	------	------	------	8 49	------	------	------	347 94
Concord	200 00	10 00	------	36 00	11 26	2 00	40 10	290 38	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	589 74
Creedmoor	360 00	-------	150 00	129 95	-------	2 50	17 00	314 50	251 57	------	------	------	133 60	16 70	12 50	------	1401 97
Corinth	300 00	-------	27 52	14 18	-------	------	15 52	267 80	13 49	189 27	4 62	------	19 47	4 57	------	------	855 92
Dexter	250 00	-------	226 56	------	31 60	------	-------	636 50	------	------	------	------	13 84	------	------	------	1158 50
Enon	937 60	4262 30	116 00	------	180 00	8 00	261 16	32 04	100 55	126 63	199 53	------	74 96	30 19	50 32	------	6824 69
Florence Avenue	500 00	25 00	100 00	75 00	-------	2 00	-------	866 66	------	------	------	35 00	26 65	------	------	------	2077 22
Fellowship	300 00	-------	34 81	14 30	35 00	1 50	117 34	10 00	22 80	28 08	41 00	------	87 11	15 00	19 95	------	726 90
Grassy Creek	450 00	2 50	30 00	18 00	40 00	5 00	70 00	872 24	22 39	------	------	------	25 00	------	------	------	1873 73
Hesters	957 50	-------	------	57 88	52 70	------	464 20	885 67	------	------	------	------	100 00	------	------	------	2497 95
Island Creek	600 00	-------	420 52	------	725 00	3 00	335 00	1495 24	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------